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ENDS IN FRENCH VICTORY: LE CATEAU RE-CAPTURED

"It Would Be Foolish to Disguise Gravity of Hour"

MASTERY CAN BE GAINED
ONLY BY FURIOUS AND
UNRELENTING ASSAULT

—Churchill

Premier Warns Britain That Full Force Of
Germany Will Soon Be Turned On Island

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Broadcasting at 8 p.m. to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill said: "I speak to you for the first time as Prime Minister in this solemn hour in the life of our country and Empire and of our Allies and, above all, in the cause of freedom."

RAVAGING OPEN COUNTRY

"A tremendous battle is raging in France and Flanders. The Germans, by a remarkable combination of air bombing and heavily armoured tanks have broken through the French defences, north of the Maginot Line. Strong columns of their armoured vehicles are ravaging open country which, for the first day or two, was without defenders.

"They have penetrated deeply and spread alarm and confusion in their track.

"Behind them are now pouring their infantry in lorries and behind them again large masses are moving forward.

"The re-groupment of the French

armies to make a head against, and

also to strike at this intruding wedge,

has been proceeding over several

days. They have been largely

assisted by the magnificent feats of

the R.A.F.

Must Not Be Intimidated

"We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by the presence of these armoured vehicles in unexpected places behind our lines.

"If they are behind our Front the French are also at many points

fighting behind their lines.

"Both sides are in extremely

dangerous positions and if the French

Army and our Army are well

handled, as I believe they will be;

if the French retain that genius for

recovery and counter-attack for

which they have so long been

famous, and if the British Army

shows that dogged endurance in

fighting power of which there have

been so many examples in the past,

then a sudden transformation of the

scene might spring into being."

Gravity Of The Hour

"It would be foolish, however, to

disguise the gravity of the hour.

"It would be still more foolish to

lose heart and courage or to suppose

that our well-trained and well-

equipped armies, numbering three

to four millions, could be overcome

within the space of a few weeks or

even a few months by a scoop or

a raid of mechanised vehicles, however

formidable.

"We may look forward with con-

fidence to the stabilisation of the

Front in France and the general

engagement of the masses will enable

the qualities of the French and

British soldiers to be matched

squarely against those of their

enemies.

"For myself, I have invincible con-

fidence in the French Army and its

leaders. It is only a very small part

of that Army that has been heavily

engaged and only a very small part

of France has yet been invaded.

"There is good evidence to show

that practically the whole of the

specialised and mechanised forces of

the enemy have already been thrown

into battle. We know that heavy

losses have been inflicted on them."

The Only Way To Mastery

"No officer or man, no brigade or

divisions which grapples at close

quarters with the enemy, wherever

encountered can fail to give worthy

contribution to the general results."

"The armies must cast away the

idea of resisting the attack behind

concrete lines or natural obstacles

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GENERAL WEYGAND

NAZIS CLEARED FROM
OISE AS MECHANISED
UNITS ARE DECIMATEDBy RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, MAY 19 (UP).—WHILE THE FRENCH ARMIES WERE SUCCESSFULLY HOLDING THE GERMAN LEFT FLANK WHICH YESTERDAY SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PUSH EASTWARDS IN AN EFFORT TO DRIVE BEHIND THE TRUE MAGINOT LINES, FRENCH TANK CORPS WENT INTO ACTION LAST NIGHT ALONG THE SAMBRE RIVER TO THE OISE CANAL, ON THE HOT PLAINS OF PICRACY.

In a smashing battle of tanks against tanks, the German drive to the west and south-west was completely checked.

NINE MILES REGAINED

In subsequent counter-attacks, which the French were quick to deliver following their initial success, the French threw the enemy back nine miles, re-capturing Le Cateau and Landrecies to hold both banks of the Oise River between Maubeuge and St. Quentin.

Fifty miles from their bases of supply the German advance motorised columns were soon in difficulty under the intense French counter-attacks and, generally, the entire German drive was at midnight marking time with slight losses of previously conquered terrain.

Simultaneously, both the British and French were throwing into the counter-attack fresh divisions which had been spared for such a task by the shortening of the lines consequent upon the strategic retreat out of Belgium.

French 75 mm field guns, which were used successfully against the Panzer Divisions yesterday, were aligned this morning along the Sambre River to the Oise Canal, where the Germans resumed at dawn their successful drive at the exact centre of the pocket.

In the first operation, the German tanks were smashed by artillery fire at point blank range. Then through the carnage of twisted steel and shattered bodies, the French poured their own tanks to isolate and destroy two columns of German motorised infantry which were closely following behind the tanks in open motor trucks.

The German infantry, no longer protected by a vanguard of tanks, was simply decimated by the French tanks.

The elimination of these columns forced the Germans to withdraw from Le Cateau across the Oise Canal and back through Landrecies in the first retreat the Germans have made that far.

"Reliable indications allow us to think that recovery is perfectly possible. The re-grouping recently mentioned in French communiques evidently enabled us to give our dispositions the depth which was at first lacking.

"Reserves must now cover and protect the dangerous penetrations."

ST. QUENTIN IN
GERMAN HANDS

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The latest news received here shows that the battle between the Sambre and Meuse Rivers continued all day.

The situation is stated to be confused. Light German units have reached St. Quentin but the French are carrying out many counter-attacks.

Rumours that the Germans have taken Peronne (west of St. Quentin) are denied by French military authorities.

A War Ministry spokesman described the situation as grave.

"But," he said, "there is no need to regard it as catastrophe".

Fighting Front Described

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The fighting front now extends from about Montmedy, south-east of Sedan, to the Belgian coast.

The German salient into France

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LATEST

GREAT
RETREAT
ENDSAllies Evacuate
Most Of Belgium

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WITH THE FRENCH FORCES, MAY 19 (UP).—Following the disastrous withdrawal of the Allied left wing, which has now been completed, Germany is in possession of three-quarters of Belgium and most of the Belgian sea coast.

The extent of the withdrawal is not disclosed but it has apparently been on a substantial scale.

The withdrawal presents the Germans with a large area without opposition.

By this withdrawal, the Allies have succeeded in stretching their lines from Sedan to the Belgian coast and

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GENERAL CAMELIN

Polish Tactics

The French threw big and little tanks into the battle.

The Germans have continued throughout the same tactics they used in Poland—tanks preceding long columns of infantry carried into battle on rubber tyres.

Against such a steel wall there is only one answer—more tanks.

After the French anti-tank mines had been blown up, destroying in the process scores of German machines, there were no more mines planted to halt the second wave of attack.

Alignment Of Steel

French tanks and 75 mm. field guns therefore formed a solid alignment of steel, creating a wall of fire so intense that the Germans were unable to penetrate.

Engagements of this nature were the fiercest thing witnessed by mankind, the greatest tank to tank fight taking place without halt for

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Avalanche Of Steel & Fire

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—In a message to the Polish nation to-day,

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Canton	May 24.

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Monday, May 20.
Parcels only for Haiphong ... Noon.
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Saigon ... 6.30 p.m.
Canton ... 7 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hanoi ... 7.00 p.m.
Shanghai ... 7 p.m.
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Ord. ... May 21, 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21.
Straits (Parcels only) and Calcutta.
Parcels ... May 21, 8.30 a.m.
Letters ... May 21, 10.30 a.m.
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service." K.P.O.

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G.P.O.

Reg. ... May 21, 5 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service." K.P.O.

Reg. ... May 21, 5 p.m.
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Reg. ... May 21, 5 p.m.
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G.P.O.

Reg. ... May 21, 5 p.m.
Ord. ... May 21, 7 p.m.
Straits ... 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22.
Amoy and Shanghai ... Noon.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Franco (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service." K. P. O.

Reg. ... May 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ... May 22, 5.30 p.m.
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Reg. ... May 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ... May 22, 7.00 p.m.
Sandakan ... 7 p.m.

Straits ... 7.00 p.m.
Friday, May 24.
Canton ... 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai ... 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... 10.30 a.m.
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Ord. ... Noon.
Parcels only for Tientsin ... Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa ... Noon.
Touraine, Saigon and Bangkok Noon.

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Girl in trance sings in Egyptain

LIVING a quiet, cultured life in Blackpool is a handsome young woman who is said to be the reincarnation of an Egyptian princess who lived more than 3,000 years ago.

Not only does she speak under trance in ancient Egyptian, but she also sings the lost melodies of a bygone era.

These melodies have been jotted down, and listeners have heard them on the radio in the organ recitals of Dr. Frederic H. Wood.

'Writing Medium'

The story is told by Dr. Wood in *This Egyptian Miracle*, just published by Rider (2s. 6d.).

Dr. Wood writes: "Late in 1927 Rosemary's hand began to write unexpectedly by itself ... I realised at once that here was what is called a 'writing medium'."

Dr. Wood claims that Rosemary's mediumship has given Egyptian scholars a guide to the pronunciation of 10 languages known only in written form.

Under test conditions, Rosemary, while in trance, has recorded the speech of ancient Egypt on gramophone discs.

From The Past

Records of Rosemary's speech were made at the International Institute for Psychological Research, London, and have been translated by an Egyptian scholar.

"In her normal state Rosemary does not know a word of Egyptian, and she steadfastly refuses to discuss it, even with me," Dr. Wood writes.

Through Rosemary's mediumship, Dr. Wood claims, the forgotten music of ancient Egypt has been re-created.

Words and music of a "Nile Bont-Song," "A Hymn to Osiris," "An Invocation to Baal," "Trumpet-Call to Amon," and fragments of dance tunes have been brought back from the past, he says.

ZULU CHIEF CHARGED

"Witch" Trial

In London

YOU won't remember this murder because probably you never read about it. This week in London the story will be told, although the murderer—a triple murderer—was committed two and a half years ago.

A piece of rope woven and "treated" by a witch-doctor, the contents of a witch-doctor's bag, and a broken piece of a clay pot come into the story.

And it will be told to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council—the highest tribunal of the Empire.

The committee will hear the appeal against sentence of death of Chief Fakalandha Nkambule, a subordinate chief of Swaziland, in far-off East Africa.

This dusky, many times married, Zulu chief was sentenced for procuring the murder of one of his wives, his brother, and the wife of his brother.

Gave Them Poison

While at No. 10 Downing-street, the Cabinet may be meeting to make war plans, a few steps further down the street this picture will be reconstructed.

On the night of September 11, 1937, a score of Zulus sat in a semi-circle round a camp fire at Buseleni, in the district of Mankalana.

Then, it is alleged, Nhloko Hlatswako, a native doctor, handed round some harmless medicine until he came to the three people who were to be killed. He gave them poison, under the guise of medicine.

Chief Fakalandha Nkambule was not present at the ceremony, but it is alleged that afterwards he got in touch with the witch-doctor to reward him with money and cattle for what he had done.

There are other smaller yards at Odense, Aarhus and Fredericia. Apart from the private yards, there is, of course, the Royal dockyard at Copenhagen, which is fully equipped for building ships up to 4,000 tons and his skilled workers in submarine construction, since all Denmark's underwater craft have been built there.

Another asset to Germany will be the control of the great Diesel motor works of Burmeister and Wain. The firm's yearly production of marine motor engines is at least 200,000 h.p.

The much more rapid rate of destruction of U-boats in this war—eight a month as against three to four a month—has added to German difficulties in maintaining pressure against our sea routes, and the addition of the Danish resources must be very welcome to the Nazi authorities.

The "blue line," for which he had asked, he declared, was the performance of the ceremony of "Luzego," to cure him of dreams.

The trial, in October 1938, lasted three days, and the Zulu chief was sentenced to death.

It was alleged at the chief's trial that he instigated a "medicine man" to administer poison to the three people, because he suspected them of killing his daughter, who had died some time previously.

Chief Fakalandha Nkambule however, maintained that he had nothing to do with procuring the murders.

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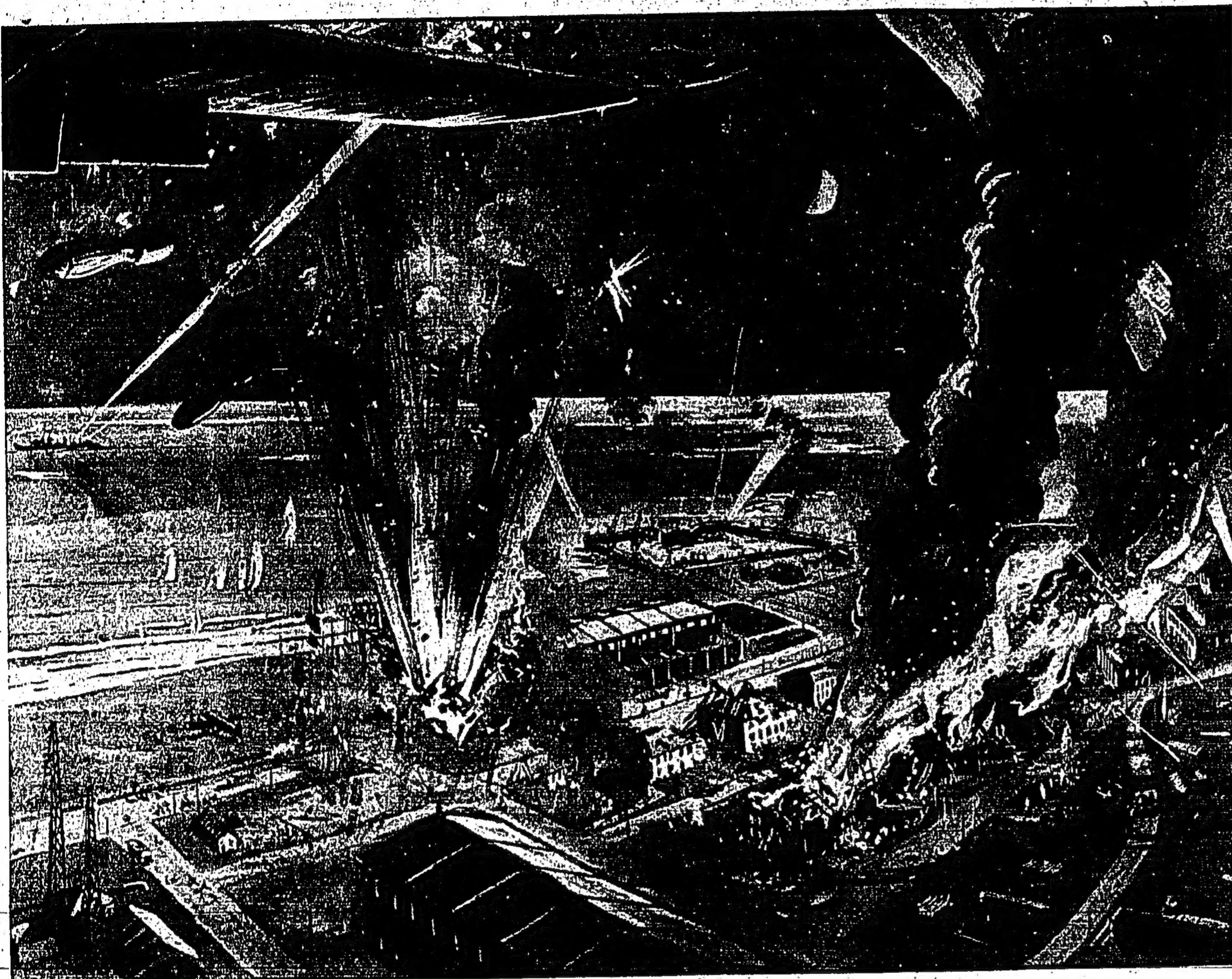
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AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF AN R.A.F. RAID ON GERMANY



OF THE WAR—ANOTHER IN AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION THIS SERIES NEXT WEEK

RUMANIAN NEWS REEL

RUMANIA is perhaps the richest prize in Europe for Hitler's armies if they can force their way into the country. There are several ways in, as shown on the map, but once in, the Carpathians stand like a wall thousands of feet high protecting the oil and petrol deposits of the south-east districts. There is also the possibility of an invasion across the Danubian plains, and rumours of a fantastic nature are already reaching us that the Germans may go down the Danube in barges to make a landing.

The points on the frontiers over which invading armies might come are marked on the map by arrows (German, black; Russian, scored).

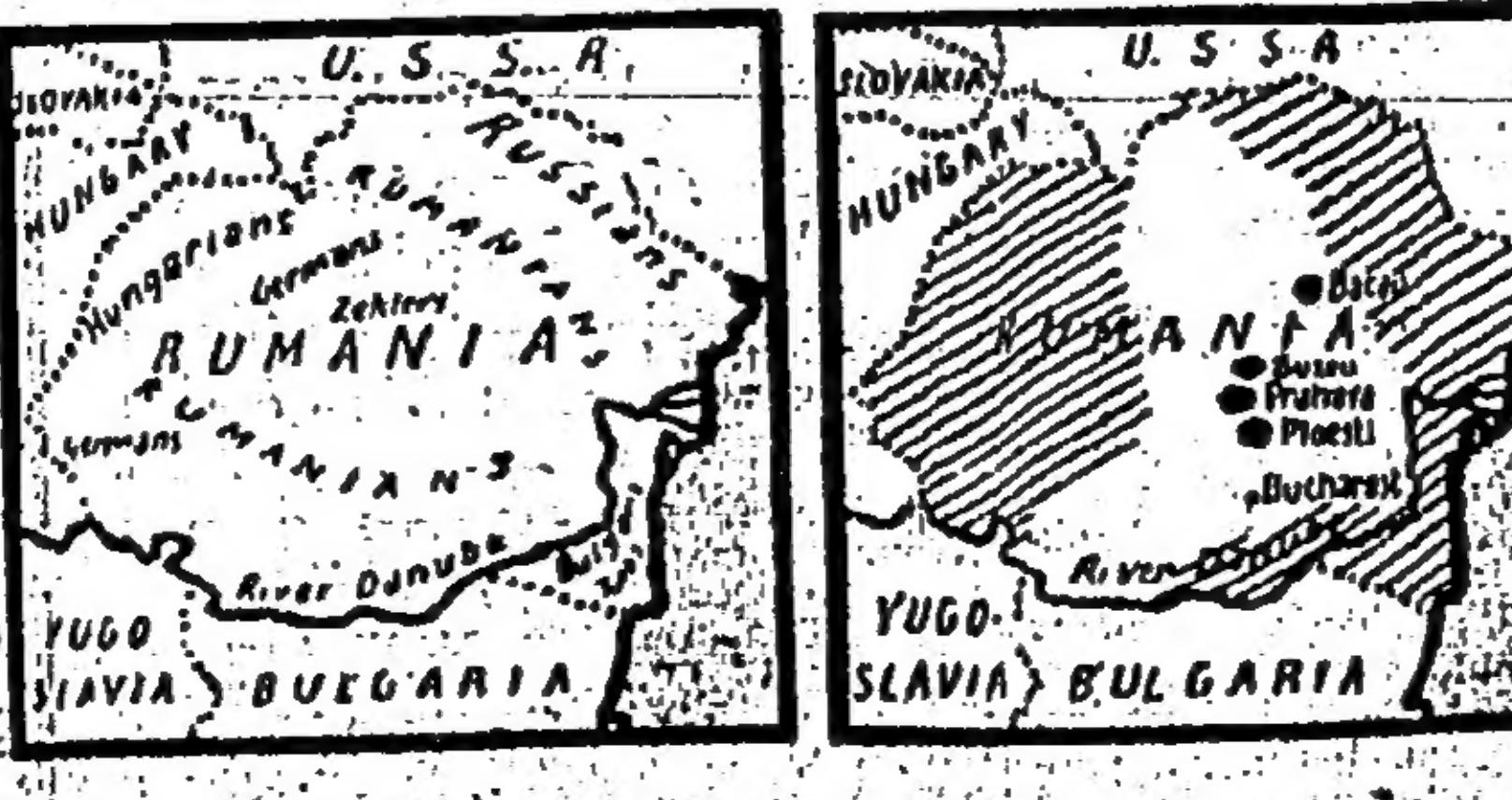
There are over three-quarters of a million Germans (Saxons and Swabians) living in Rumania. The younger generation has been well inculcated with insidious Nazi propaganda.

Rumania's greatest danger is her uncertain minority situation. The vast discontented Hungarian population of Transylvania, the equally unhappy Bulgars of the Dobruja, and the Russians of Bessarabia, whose aspirations are not politically serious, are three sources of possible menace.

King Carol made several big tours of the frontier areas in Bessarabia and Transylvania and also in the German districts this January. He was warmly received wherever he went, but the Germans in Bucharest openly ridicule the idea that the minorities would be faithful to him in time of war.

The internal politics of Rumania during the past few years have been bewilderingly uncertain. One Prime Minister has followed another; one followed the coffin of his predecessor when M. Calinescu was murdered by the Iron Guard. It has never yet been established whether or not the Germans were responsible for this assassination.

The Rumanians are a proud, hospitable, patriotic and brave people, with great aspirations and an infinite capacity for suffering. If Hitler fails to take their country he will not find them asleep or afraid. They have been waiting for him for years with 1,800,000 men, well equipped and in good heart.



This map shows the location of the different racial minorities in Rumania. This map shows what the Rumania would become if the authority claims against her were conceded.

Spotting the Rank

MAJOR-GENERAL

A Major-General commands a Division and holds direct appointments on headquarters staff. The rank was originally Sergeant-Major-General, hence the fact that it ranks below that of a Lieutenant-General.

The majority of Major-Generals are specially selected from the list of Brigadiers commanding infantry brigades, but officers of all arms are eligible for the various posts carrying the rank.

At the start of the war there were 97 holding the rank of Major-General in the British Army, one in the Royal Marines, 26 in the Indian Army and three in the Territorial Army.

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RUMOURS OF PEACE

Conference Said Held In Hongkong

New York, May 18.—A special report to the New York Times from Shanghai says that Japanese emissaries and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's representatives are meeting in Hongkong regarding a basis for formal Sino-Japanese negotiations.—United Press.

Rumours of Sino-Japanese peace were first circulated last week in Hongkong. Chinese exchange circles to the effect that a high official of the Chinese Government in Chungking had gone to Haiphong for this purpose. Since then the story has been denied by Chinese officials, but the news has produced a beneficial effect upon the Chinese national currency which is now much more steady.

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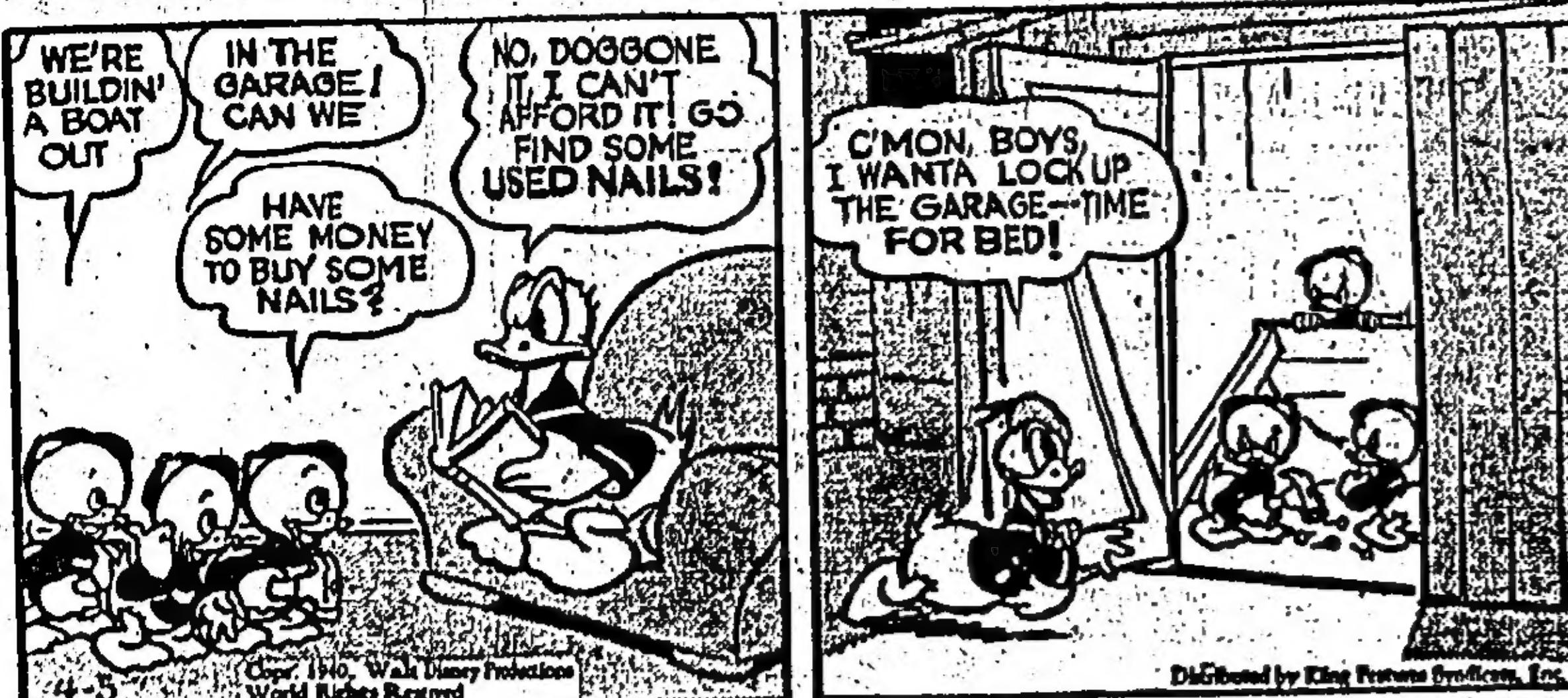
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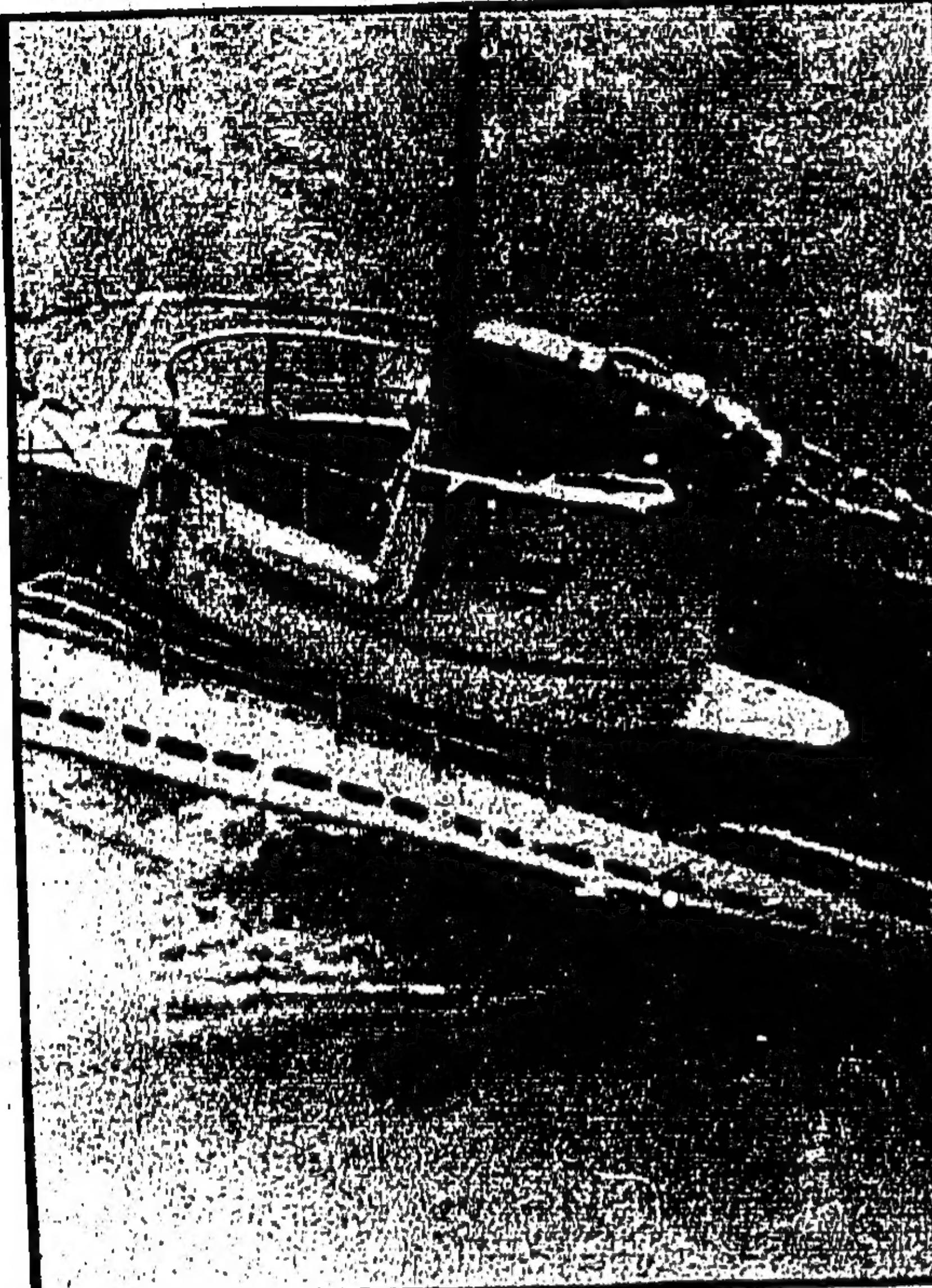
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GANT WILLIAM DENECKER and his 32-year-old
French bride has been re-
united.A telegram that went astray had
caused them a lot of trouble.Denecker is in the Royal Army
Service Corps, and went to France
with the B.E.F. soon after war began.He was married in February and
not long afterwards was ordered

back to England.

Mrs. Denecker arrived at Folkestone
to join him.

First Visit

It was her first visit to England—and
she cannot speak English."No one was there to meet her
because a telegram sent to tell her
husband of her arrival went astray."

After their reunion, Denecker explained: "I had been moved to another station so the telegram never reached me."

"Later I found that my wife was
somewhere in England."

"At first my efforts to trace her failed. Then I found that she was in Folkestone."

"She thought that probably I had
returned to France and she decided to go back, too.""So she was waiting for an exit
permit."

"We're both very happy now."

Mrs. Denecker was the first bride
of a member of the British Expedi-
tory Force.PRINCE ALEXANDER OBO-
LENSKY, the English Rugby Interna-
tional, who was a pilot officer in the R.A.F., was killed in a plane
accident at an East Anglian
aerodrome.When he was landing his plane
hit an obstruction and turned upside down.HIS BROTHER
CO-RESPONDENTA BROTHER cited his own brother
as co-respondent in the Divorce
Court recently.He was Mr. Reginald Malcolm
Burgo, of Brockwell Court, Brixton,
S.W., and he cited his brother, Mr.
Edward Burgo.He was granted a decree nisi,
with costs, on the ground of the
adultery of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy
Hilda Burgo.Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Burgo mar-
ried in 1929. They lived in London
hotel and in Paris.The case for Mr. Burgo was that
his wife left him in 1937, and he al-
leged that she met his brother after-
wards committed adultery.Pet Led Her
To DeathSEVENTY-YEAR-OLD Mrs.
Mabel Stevenson, of Cliftonville-
road, Brighton, had two pet
canaries.Every night she hung the cage
containing one of them on the kitchen
wall.The other cage she placed on the
plate rack above the gas stove.
This practice cost Mrs. Stevenson
her life.For in putting the cage on the
plate rack she accidentally turned a
loose tap of the gas stove.Neighbours who broke into her
flat found her and the canaries dead.
A verdict of death by misadven-
ture was recorded at the inquest.THESE amazing pictures of the
last minutes of a Nazi submarine
were taken by the crew of an R.A.F.
plane as they sank.Their bombs were actually in the
air as they snapped the top picture.
In the bottom one you see the dis-
turbed water which was all there was
to show the fate of the U-boat after
the bombs had done their work.You read in yesterday's "Daily
Herald" an outline of the R.A.F.
men's exploit, carried out near Wil-
helmshaven on Monday. Here is the
crew's own story:"We were on reconnaissance over
the Heligoland Bight, and when the
submarine was seen it was moving on
the surface only a few miles from the
shore," said the bomber's captain."We had to act quickly or the sub-
marine might have crash-dived andgot away. We dropped our bombs,
my first impression was that they
had fallen short, but the corporal air
gunner shouted excitedly through the
intercommunication set, 'A direct
hit!'"Putting the aircraft into a sharp
turn I brought it round in time to be
able to see the stern and bow sticking
up out of the water. The submarine
must have been split in two."The corporal air gunner said: "I
was looking down on the submarine
as we were passing over it. After we
had dropped our bombs I saw two
parts of the vessel sticking up out
of the water. All I could see in between
was a white patch of disturbed
water. Then it began to spread
over the surface of the sea. Finally,
first one part then the other dis-
appeared as though they had gone
down separately."White man at native
camp 'broke trust'OUT in Sierra Leone, British colony on the West
African coast, Donald Harold Hutter, aged twenty-
four, had charge of a native camp and a diamond
mine.He was the only white man
within seven miles.In London—at the Old Bailey—he
was sent to prison for fifteen months
for possessing 1,224 uncut diamonds
valued at £15,000, knowing them to
have been stolen.And Judge Bassley said to him:
"In addition to stealing a large
quantity of diamonds you broke a
great trust—the trust reposed in
you as the only white man in a
camp and in charge of a mine."You set a shocking example to the
natives under you."Hutter admitted stealing the di-
amonds, and said he stole them be-
cause he heard by cable from Eng-
land that his wife—whom he had
married two years previously—was
ill in hospital and had no money to
pay bills.Said He Was Single
He arrived at Liverpool on leave
with the diamonds hidden in hisclothes, and tried to sell them in
London—
The diamonds were shown in court in a
sealed glass bottle.Mr. Christmas Humphreys, pro-
secuting, said the impression had
been given by the defence that the
climate in Sierra Leone was such
that it would not be advisable to
take a white woman out there. That
was not so.The company employing Hutter
advised their employees to take their
wives with them, but when Hutter
joined the firm he signed a state-
ment that he was single.Mr. Edward Clarke, defending,
said Hutter told the firm he was
single because he thought it would
be easier for him to get the job. He
was paid £45 a month, out of which
he allowed his wife £20 a month.

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8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather
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8.03 This week's programmes.

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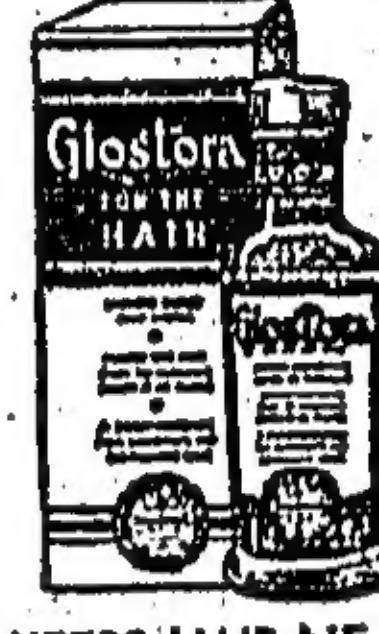
Unmindful of the Roses, Arthur
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The bride-to-be is the younger
daughter of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,
former Inspector General of Police
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sion in April, 1938. He and Mrs.
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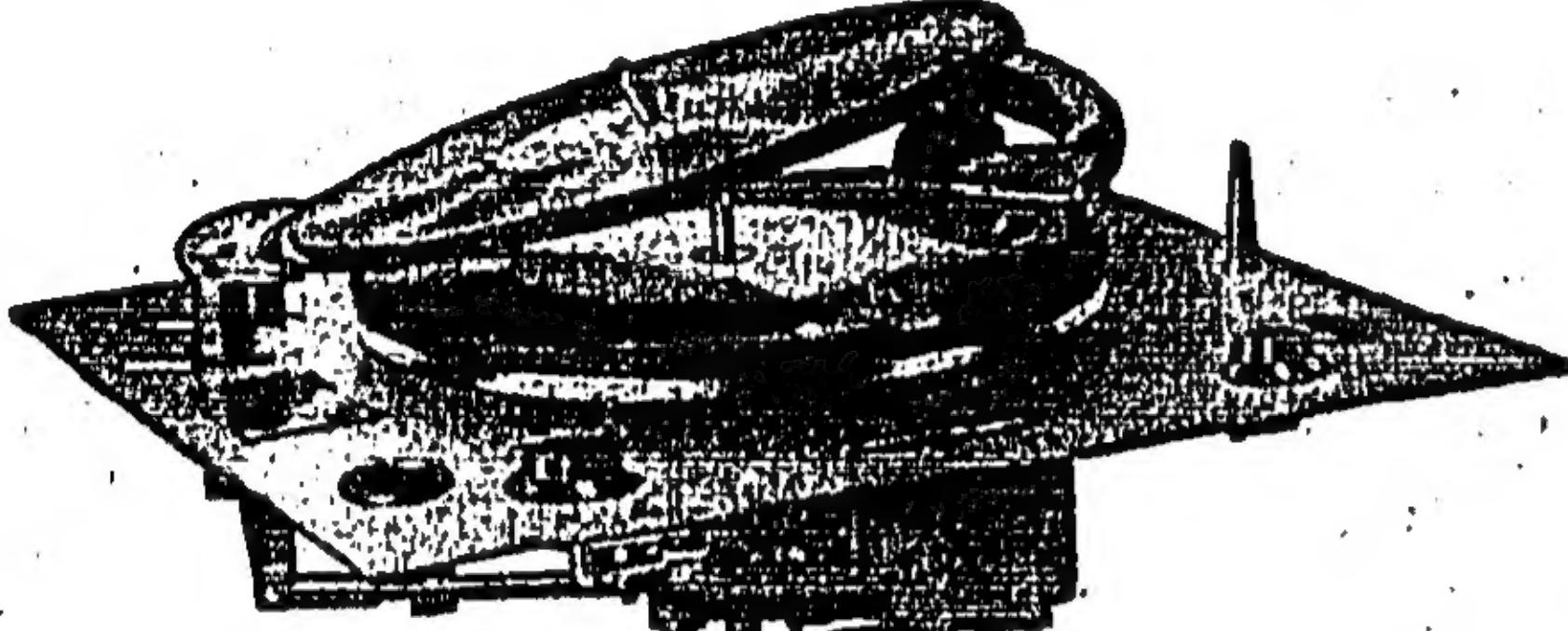
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Aesthetic Cricket

Why is it, inquires C. B. Fry, the English athlete, that, more than all other games, cricket appeals to the imagination of artists in all walks of life in Great Britain?—Football is more popular with the masses. Golf has a greater hold upon the wealthy. Real tennis has a longer and more royal lineage. Yet it is cricket, Englishmen love to point out, and none of these other games, that links together such diverse people as Clifford Bax and Sir James Barrie, Sir John Squire and Andrew Lang, Alec Waugh and C. Aubrey Smith (of Cambridge and Hollywood).

Mr. Fry suggests that there is a mystery in the art of hitting a ball with a bat that eludes even the greatest of cricketers, and fascinates men of letters. Mr. Fry is sometimes called the finest all-round athlete that England ever produced. He is one of the few amateurs who have ever played in a professional football cup final. Even so, there will be found some who disagree with his explanation.

For the best writing about cricket is not to be discovered in technical discussions about the niceties of play. It is found in poems and essays and stories that are drenched in the peculiarly gentle, peaceful, gracious atmosphere of the game, on summer afternoons when the sun throws long shadows across the green, and the chime of the church clock and the murmur of trees in the breeze are the only sounds that break the stillness except for the quiet regular knock of bat on ball. Cricket, many people will maintain, is the most literary of games simply because it is the most aesthetic.



MADAME ADOLF: "Confidentially, my dear, I agree with you. But why not walk out with him and see how you get along?"

**THIS SONG CHANGED
YOUR LIFE****FACTS**

Just over one hundred years ago died Rouget de Lisle, composer of "Marseillaise," war hymn of French Revolution. Himself a Royalist, writing in hatred of German threat to his country, his song quickly became manifesto of revolutionists and Napoleonic armies.

Banned under Second Empire. Adopted as official anthem by Third Republic.

British political songs: "Lilli-bulero" used against James II., "Tipperary" in Great War.

world's first Soviet Government, those two Albert Memorials of the Paris Commune of shining music: for more than four years memory; and in 1917, from the a song called "It's a Long Way satin nest of the fugitive hal-to-Tipperary" was often the carousing Krupskaya, mistress of last sound to beat upon the carousing Tsar, its notes smashed into drums of riven men as they drowned in their own blood; and it cheered them to the end of all things which they had cherished in their short lives. But now it is only a memory.

To deny that each one of us knows secretly a piece of music which enables him to pluck stars from the farthest sky would be to deny a truth. But those are scattered and private things: it was Rouget de Lisle who reduced them all to a common denominator and expressed in sound what had hitherto been formless wonderings in the heads of individual men.

Indeed, the songs that men sing win their battles for them, for the flowered pattern of emotion is more potent than the austerity of intellectual planning; and song has raised up the common man as sycophants have exalted the aristocrat.

Men who will not die for impeccable statistics will fall gladly for an untruth if it be set to music.

AND no other song in the long story of tribulation has ever risen above the ankles of Rouget de Lisle's titanic hymn. The graveyard strains of the "Internationale" and the ponderous drabness of "The Red Flag" have won no fights for liberty; they are the shabby appendages of its more self-conscious moments, not the fathers from whose loins issued the flow of life which inspired it to victory.

Let his epitaph be not only his own hymn but also the words of the Victorian poet, O'Shaughnessy:

One man with a dream, of pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer
a crown;
And three with a new song's measure
Can trample a kingdom down.

AMERICAN SUPPORT

Opinion Begins To Swing-Over

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—A vigorous controversy is arising over the question of giving all possible immediate support to the Allies.

Indicating a big swing-over in opposition opinion, the "New York Times" reports that 50 Republican leaders from the middle and western states told Mr. Robert Taft, the Republican Presidential candidate, that if he submitted to a popular vote in their regions a proposal for direct aid to the Allies short of entry into the war, it would be passed by a decided majority.

On the other hand, some prominent Americans still express strong isolationist views.

ST. QUENTIN IN GERMAN HANDS

FROM PAGE ONE

starts north of Montmedy and runs like a blunt spear-head towards Paris.

The point of this spear-head is near Loon, which is 75 miles north-east of Paris.

On the southern edge of the spear-head the fighting on Saturday was unimportant.

The northern edge of the spear-head towards the Belgium frontier runs roughly parallel with Sambre River.

The Germans say that they have crossed the Sambre and have taken Le Cateau and San Quentin.

A French Army spokesman says that the area of the main battle is 10 miles east of these two towns.

Terrific Nazi Losses

The Germans used both heavy and light tanks and aircraft guns in this battle but strong French resistance caused them heavy losses.

At one point the German dead are said to have formed a well five feet high.

Over this wall the German tanks pursued their way.

The drive toward St. Quentin was made by a light mechanised detachment of the type usually used for scouting.

It is not very large and not very strong.

Forts Holding Out

So far, the Sambre River has formed the northern edge of the spear-head and the French have been holding out at the forts of Maubeuge.

A French spokesman says that the position is uncertain in Maubeuge itself but fighting is going on to the west of the forts.

The movement west-north across the Sambre Valley may mean that the German drive has been diverted in an attempt to envelop the Allied troops in Belgium, have been withdrawing strategically.

This morning British General Headquarters announced that the British front on Saturday had held firmly in the face of strong enemy pressure.

German Claim

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter).—An attack by Allied armoured cars south-west of Brussels last night was repulsed, according to competent quarters quoted by the official news agency.

It is claimed that 20 armoured cars were destroyed during the operation and it is stated that anti-aircraft artillery was used against the armoured cars.

GEN. WEYGAND ARMY DICTATOR

FROM PAGE ONE

almost reached the gates of Warsaw. His counter-stroke, delivered in August, 1920, is regarded by many experts as a finer example of generalship than almost any given during the World War.

Completed Maginot Line

In 1923, he was sent to Syria as High Commissioner, and there by his firm and tactful administration he still further enhanced his reputation.

In 1931 he was appointed Vice-President of the Supreme War Council of France (the President being the President of the Republic) and Inspector-General of the Army, a post by virtue of which he was Commander-in-Chief. A year later a Ministry of Defence was established and Weygand became head of the combined land, air and sea forces. During his term in that post the Maginot Line was completed.

He retired from the post in January, 1935, and was succeeded by General Gamelin.

Strongly Anti-Nazi

General Weygand is a strong opponent of any rapprochement with Germany. He is also said to be one of the very few French generals who really understand England. His melancholy and apparently dimmed conceit of master mind which works with great rapidity.

This is the man who has been selected to take charge in the present theatres of war.

FROM PAGE ONE

A contingent of the Second Australian Imperial Force arrived in Palestine this morning at the conclusion of a 10,000 miles journey.

MASTERY CAN BE GAINED

FROM PAGE ONE

and must realise that mastery can only be regained by furious and unremitting assault.

"And this spirit must not only animate the High Command but must infect every fighting man.

"In the air, even at serious odds or even at odds which up to now have been thought overwhelming, we have been clawing down three or four planes to one of our own and the relative balance of the British and German Air Forces has now become considerably more favourable to us than at the beginning of the war.

"In cutting down the German bombers we are fighting our own battles as well as those of France.

Ability To Beat Nazis

"My confidence in our ability to fight it out to a finish with the German Air Force has been strengthened by the fierce encounters which have taken place and are taking place.

"At the same time our heavy bombers are striking at the root of the German mechanised power and have already inflicted serious damage upon oil refineries upon which the Nazi effort to dominate the world directly depends.

"We must expect that as soon as stability has been reached on the Western Front, the bulk of that force which gashed Holland into ruin and smoke in a few days will be turned upon us.

"I am sure I speak for all when I say that we are ready to face it and endure it and to retaliate against it to the extent that the unwritten laws of war permit.

Britain The Next Victim

"There will be many men and women in this Island who, when the ordeal comes upon them, as come it will, will feel comfort and even pride that they are sharing the perils of our lads at the front—soldiers, sailors and airmen, God bless them—and are drawing away from them part at least of the onslaught they have to bear.

"Is not this the appointed time for all to make the utmost exertion in their power?

"If the battle is to be won we must provide our men with the ever increasing quantities of weapons and ammunition they need.

"We must have, and have quickly, more planes, tanks, shells and guns—there is need for these vital munitions.

Must Win The War

"They increase our strength against the powerfully armed enemy and replace wastage of obstinate struggle and the knowledge that the wastage will be speedily replaced enables us to draw more readily upon reserves and throw them in now when everything means so much.

"Our task is not only to win the battle but to win the war.

"After this battle in France abates, its forces there will come to battle for our land, for all that Britain is and all that Britain means.

"That will be the struggle.

"In that supreme emergency we shall not hesitate to take every step, even the most drastic, to call for the effort of which they are capable.

"Interest-of-property-and-hours-of-labour are nothing compared to the struggle for life and honour, for life and freedom to which we have vowed ourselves.

Sacred Pledges

"I received from the chiefs of the French Republic and particularly from the indomitable Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, the most sacred pledges that whatever happens they will fight to the end, be it bitter or be it glorious—nay, if we fight to be it glorious—nay, if we fight to an end it can only be glorious."

"Having received His Majesty's Commission, I have formed an Administration of men and women of every Party and almost every point of view.

"We have differed and quarrelled in the past, but now one bond unites us all: to wage war until victory is won and never to surrender ourselves to servitude and shame at whatever cost and agony it may be.

"If this is one of the most awaking periods in the long history of France and Britain it is also beyond doubt the most sublime.

"Side by side, unaided except by their faith and kin, the great Dominions and by the wide empires which rest beneath their shield, side by side the British and French people have advanced to rescue not only Europe but mankind from the foulest and most soul destroying tyranny that has ever darkened the stained pages of history.

The Message Of Trinity

"Behind them, behind us and behind the armies and fleets of Britain and France gather a group of shattered states and bludgeoned races—the Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Danes, Dutch and Belgians—upon all of whom the long night of barbarism will descend, unbroken even by the star of hope, unless we conquer, as conquer we shall.

"To-day is Trinity Sunday. Centuries ago words were written to be a call and spur to the faithful servants of truth and Justice: 'Gird yourselves and be ye men of valour and be in readiness for the conflict; for it is better for us to perish in battle than to look upon the outrage of our nation and altars. As the will of God is in heaven so let this do.'

Common Statement

"LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister is expected to make a statement on the latest developments on the Western Front when the House of Commons re-assembles on May 21.

It is likely that a similar statement will be made in the House of Lords.

SPLENDID ACTIONS

Nazis Harassed By British Bombers

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that a formation of our bomber aircraft carried out extensive operations in Belgium and France with the object of harassing the lines of communication of the German advance and to relieve the pressure on the Allied armies.

Our fighter aircraft, patrolling in their support, have accounted for a large number of enemy aircraft of all types.

From preliminary reports received relating to a part only of our fighter activities, it is known that at least 20 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Harassing operations were continued during the night by heavy bomber formations.

In southern Belgium, bridges were hit, troop concentrations broken up and roads blocked.

Raids On Germany

Simultaneously other formations of night bombers penetrated into Germany where direct hits were made on oil fuel tanks in Hanover.

At other points, railway junctions and sidings suffered considerable damage.

All night a continuous watch was kept on military traffic over a wide area in western Germany and an offensive action was taken against enemy movements.

Rail and road communications were attacked. At one point, a heavy explosion was caused.

At another, aerodrome buildings were set on fire.

Night Operations

Hudson aircraft also carried out successful night operations. They caused further damage to oil fuel tanks in Hanover and Bremen.

Two Blenheim aircraft, patrolling off the Dutch coast, encountered a formation of three Heinkel 111's and three Messerschmitt 110's.

They immediately attacked and shot down two Messerschmitts.

An Air Ministry bulletin states that during offensive patrols by our Air Force fighters over France and Belgium yesterday, one patrol of five Hurricanes shot down at least three and probably six German Heinkel 111's near Brussels.

They immediately attacked and shot down two Messerschmitts.

Oil Dumps Destroyed

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Details of air force operations on Friday night show that the area of the raids extended from Hamburg in the north to Sedan in the south.

Extensive damage was done to German oil depots in Bremen and Hamburg.

Enemy aerodromes, troop columns, and road and rail junctions were bombed.

More than 300 bombs were dropped on oil depots in Bremen. A direct hit on a large petrol storage tank resulted in a terrific explosion, from which vast sheets of flame shot up to a height of nearly 2,000 feet, and a pillar of smoke like a "huge black mushroom" spread over the town.

Hamburg oil depots were bombed from 10 a.m. on Friday till dawn on Saturday. In the course of these attacks, the explosion of a salvo of heavy bombs was followed by a terrific rush of flame and an outburst of fire that was visible from as far away as Cuxhaven.

Other petroleum depots in the area, some of which were first located by the aid of parachute flares, were attacked with equally evident result.

Fires started with incendiary bombs were seen to spread rapidly and helped to guide the following aircraft to complete the destruction of the targets.

Vast Clouds Of Smoke

Vast clouds of acrid black smoke, certain proof of the oil-fed character of the raging fires, were rolling slowly over the area as the last of the raiders left Hamburg.

Other sections of the large bombing force were meanwhile attacking enemy aerodromes and lines of communication over a wide area.

Heavy damage was done to road and rail bridges across the Meuse and in the occupied areas in Belgium and France.

No casualties were incurred by the British bomber crews and all aircraft engaged in the night's extensive operations returned safely.

Anti-British Press Attacks

Japanese Sponsor New Movement

PEIPING, May 19 (Reuter).—Virulent attacks on Britain continue to be made by local Chinese Press.

Apparently an order was given by the Japanese military for a week's campaign against Britain in the Press.

The Japanese-controlled Central Broadcasting Station yesterday sponsored anti-British speech.

LATEST FRENCH PRECAUTIONS

Bridges Blown Up Near Basle

"BASLE, May 19 (Reuter).—The French Army Command in Alsace has blown up all canal and railway bridges on the line from St. Louis, the French suburb of Basle, to Leopoldshoehe, a few miles to the north.

They finally interrupted railway communication between France and Switzerland via Basle.

GERMANS IN RETREAT

FROM PAGE ONE

48 hours in the Oise Valley and between the Aisne and the Somme.

Overhead the sky was black with bombers, which played an important secondary role in support of the rival tank armies.

Nowhere in history or on battle-field has there ever been a more punishing battle fought than this tank battle of the Oise Valley, upon which, it appears, the whole German invasion may probably turn.

At the very least, to-day's successful barring of the passage to the German tank columns by the French has given the Allies time to re-align their forces.

Foodless, Sleepless For Week

Both armies have been fighting for more than a week in which time they have had practically no sleep and almost no food. Yet there are no signs of fatigue as the two armies meet in one of the first frontal engagements of the war.

Rifles, machine-guns and small anti-tank artillery are helpless against the German wall of tanks because the Germans put big tanks in front and outside small tanks.

When 400 such monsters line up they are immune to orderly attack.

They have cover 12 to 20 miles per hour, splitting deadly fire on all sides.

It took a combination of French tanks and field guns to successfully break up the Germans steel wedges, and German motorised infantry which followed the tanks into battle.

Twenty-seven European Governments yesterday received copies of the memorandum on the scheme outlined by the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, which is loosely known as the United States of Europe.

50 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1910. Count Crispi stated in the Chamber

that complete accord exists between England, Austria, and Italy to prevent any rising in the Balkans, menacing the peace of Europe.

It was also agreed that

BASKETBALL LEAGUE PROGRESSES

Lawn Bowls League

CHAMPIONS RETAIN LEADERSHIP

Recreio "A" Beat K.B.G.C. By Three Shots' Margin

RECREIO "A", leaders of the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League, retained their leadership on Saturday by the narrow margin of three shots when they were opposed to the Kowloon B.G.C. The Indian R.C. suffered their third defeat, while Craigengower accounted for Recreio "B"—spoiling their 100 per cent record.

The scores in brief were:

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Kowloon B.G.C.	53	Recreio "A"	50			
Police	64	H.K.C.C.	47			
Kowloon Docks	59	Indian R.C.	49			
Recreio "B"	62	Craigengower	77			

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Craigengower	60	Kowloon	Tong	54		
Police	38	Kowloon	B.G.C.	68		
Kowloon C.C.	44	Recreio	68			
Hongkong F.C.	63	H.K.C.C.	43			

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Indian R.C.	48	ILK. Electric	65			
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41			
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	50			
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	B.G.C.	60		

Seven were scored by A. K. Minu (Indians) against J. Kempton (Kowloon Docks), but the latter won, and by G. S. Rosselot (Craigengower) to beat J. J. Bnslo (Recreio "B") by 24-16.

Sixes were recorded by A. J. Hall (Kowloon B.G.C.), R. Chan (Craigengower), W. Huirow (Kowloon B.G.C.) to beat W. E. Youngusband (Police) 31-7, P. Youngusband (Kowloon F.C.) and W. J. Bagley (Prison Officers).

Light Blues Win Tennis & Athletic Meets

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—Cambridge beat Oxford both athletics and lawn tennis yesterday.

In the athletic meet, which was a return affair, Cambridge registered 69 points against Oxford's 40. Cambridge won nine events and Oxford four.

At lawn tennis, Cambridge beat Oxford by 11 matches to four. Cambridge won the singles by five matches to one and the doubles, 6-3.

East Asia Meet

TOKYO, May 18. H.H. Prince Yasuhito Ichibū, younger brother of the Emperor, has formally become President of the East Asia Grand Athletic Meet to be held in Tokyo for five days starting on June 10 in connection with the 2,600th Anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

The Chinese delegation will be led by Mr. Chu Min-i, Wang Ching-wei's Minister of Foreign Affairs—Domestic.

Mongolian Wrestlers

SHIRONESEKI, May 18. A Mongolian wrestling party of ten members arrived here this morning, subsequently leaving for Tokyo by train in order to attend the East Asia Military Art Tournament and the

Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	53	Recreio "A"	50			
Kowloon B.G.C.	64	H.K.C.C.	47			
Kowloon Docks	59	Indian R.C.	49			
Recreio "B"	62	Craigengower	77			

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Craigengower	60	Kowloon	Tong	54		
Police	38	Kowloon	B.G.C.	68		
Kowloon C.C.	44	Recreio	68			
Hongkong F.C.	63	H.K.C.C.	43			

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Indian R.C.	48	ILK. Electric	65			
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41			
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	50			
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	B.G.C.	60		

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Prison Officers	22	Recreio	20			
Hongkong Electric	22	Kowloon	20			
Hongkong F.C.	22	Police	20			
Hongkong C.C.	22	Recreio	20			
Kowloon F.C.	22	Police	20			
Craigengower C.C.	22	Recreio	20			
Indian R.C.	22	Police	20			

AUSTRALIANS TO SWIM AGAINST YMCA.

THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. swimming section will entertain Australian reserves in a swimming and waterpolo contest on Thursday between 9 and 11 p.m. An interesting programme of events has been drawn up, and one of the highlights will be an exhibition of diving by members of the Australian reserves.

Johnson, their leading performer, was seen practising on the Y.M.C.A. boards yesterday, and is a very capable performer off both boards. The Australians have one or two very good sprinters among their contingent including a State backstroke swimmer and free-style sprinter.

The Y.M.C.A. team has not yet been selected but included will be several of the younger members, who have shown very promising form to date.

Yesterday morning the Australians, supported by several Y.M.C.A. members, had a waterpolo game which resulted in a 100 yards Free-Style, 100 Yards Back-Stroke, 50 Yards Breast-Stroke, 200 Yards Free-Style, Relay items of 50, 75, 75, 75 and 25; 100 Yards Medley Relay, team of 4; (back-stroke, breast-stroke and free-style), Diving, Exhibition and Waterpolo.

East Asia Grand Athletic Meet—

At the end of the day, the Chinese

Sing Tao Overwhelm Postal Bank 99-27

(By "GUARD")

THE SING TAO hoopsters dealt a crushing defeat on a gallant Postal Bank quintette on Saturday at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., shying one point for their century as against Banks' 27. Earlier on in the week, Wednesday to be exact, Kwong Tai nipped the highly-touted Chung Sing 53-52 in a magnificent struggle, to cause the first upset in the first division cage league.

Wednesday's curtain raiser saw Sun Cheong dispose of a weak Combined Banks squad 54-27. Basketeers Choi Yuen-nam, Yeung Yuk-chong and Chan Hing-ling, for Sun Cheong, faced with a rather weak defence, had an easy evening of it and had they put a bit more zest in their play could have piled up substantially. Chiu Yuen-ha and Wong Hoi-ning did some creditable work for the Banks, scoring some nice mid-field goals.

Kwong Tai's battle royal with Chung Sing tailing one point, on the day's play, came as no surprise. Chung Sing lacked vim, and were easily hurried off the sphere. Their attacks lacked their usual punch and precision, and it was mainly due to basketeers Chan Yiu-cheng (14), Sun Siu-ling (12) that they did not go down heavier. Ng Suen-chiu (12) showed great aplitude for pivotal work, and worked in well with Chan Shiu-kit (10) and Lo Tung to constantly hawk the ball and crack the hoop from far out. Lo Tung sneaked in for some nice under-basket goals to pile on for Kwong Tai.

NAM SEONG clashed with a weak Police quintette and tipped them over 30-19 in a far from interesting game. Police were dogged triers with nothing flashy and not a single copy-book play. Shei Laih and Ho Yuen-ling performed middlingly in the attack, their defence was anything but impregnable. Fong Yuk-luk and Kong Kai-lok were good in the under-basket work for Nam Seong.

TALL SCORING was the order of the day on Saturday. Tai-ko dealt summarily with a fast, irrepressible, but highly unreliable when-it-came-to-scoring Postal Bank second string, 64-24. Tai-ko contented themselves with consistently swishing the ball through the hoop and allowed P.B.'s to stampede around. Cheng Ka-piu (14), Lee Kai-kuon (14), and Kwok Ying-tai (10) wandered to good purpose, and snagged passes to drop through for points. Yuen-Chi-kong (10) and Kum Ka-piu (8) worked hard for Banks.

POSTAL BANK'S seniors in their clash with Sing Tao were outclassed, and the 27 they got were really gifts. There is no gainsaying, however, that they were not fighters as with Sing Tao standing at 99, they fought gallantly to keep them from achieving the century.

Siu Chung-hin (38) sank 10 baskets in all, ranging from three-quarters court to under-basket. Lo Chin-kuon (20) was next, and Leung Kwok-tai (8) and Lee Pui-chuk (8) did excellent service at guard to sneak in occasionally to drop a basket. Playing five men defence in the first half of the game, Sing Tao gradually reduced their game to a practice match, and even then found their well-oiled combination and teamwork no match for Postal Bank.

CHENG PAK started off nicely against St. Paul's and it looked like it was going to be a close game, but the Salians gradually assumed the ascendancy while Cheng Pak in a flurry to get the right combination to throw them over weakened their combination and before they knew about it the Salians had piled on a substantial score.

Hing Yiu-man (16) was the mainstay of the team keeping them together, and was ably supported by Chan Wai-kuon (12), and Lin Loy-man (14). For Cheng Pak, Mr. Ching profited by his long stay in to find his eye and dropped in 6 baskets for 12 points and was assisted by Lau Man-sun (4).

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London Counties Beat Northants

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—London

Counties beat Northants by

128 runs in a two-day cricket

match at Northampton, which con-

cluded yesterday. The scores were:

London Counties—205 for 8 in-

nings; 160 for 10 not out.

Northants—280 for 4 dec. (Snow-

don 100) and 188 (Wellard 5 for 47)

SHOOTING RECORD

Three Possibles Scored At Last Meeting Of The Season

OVER 100 MEMBERS took part in the last shoot of the season yesterday. Shooting conditions were almost ideal and some good scores were made, including three possibles in range scores. This was a record for the season.

C/Sgt. Hale (Middlesex) started it by getting a string of 10 bulls in succession at 200 yards. Both Capt. Le Seelleur, R.E., and Bandmaster Kifford (Middlesex), continued the movement at 500 yards, each securing a possible.

A very interesting programme was arranged by the H.K.N.V.F. under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association, and the following were the winners of the prizes given by them.

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Hitler's Plan to Smash Britain

Air: Mass raids . Sea: Pocket . Land: Could break
by super-bombers . U-boats . Maginot Line'

HOLLAND: NEW NAVY

BATAVIA. HOLLAND, invaded last week, had intended to spend £38,000,000 on new Navy to guard the Dutch East Indies.

It was to have included three battle cruisers of 27,000 tons each, 12 submarine chasers, two mine-layers and a dry dock of 40,000 tons. Sourabaya was to be fully fortified and war supplies built up on a large scale.

The Government statement explained that the East Indies must have a Navy which could maintain Holland's right by force if necessary.

The Stuff They Tell America

HITLER HAS a four-point war plan to smash Britain. It is here revealed by Mr. W. B. Courtney, famous American journalist, who interviewed German military and air chiefs.

It is the type of war news that is being cabled to America from Berlin.

By W. B. COURTNEY

GERMANY'S FOUR-POINT WAR PLAN TO CRUSH BRITAIN WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION SOON, THE NAZIS CLAIM. BIGGEST FACTOR IN THE PLAN IS A NON-STOP AIR WAR, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE GERMAN "BLOCKADE" OF BRITAIN.

This blockade, according to high military authorities in Berlin, will be made by:

1. A fleet of 500 pocket U-boats, manned by crews of 12.
2. A large fleet of armed speedboats, each with a crew of 4.
3. Mass air raids on British ports, dockyards, and the fleet.
4. Mass air raids on merchant shipping and convoys.

For the air raids the Nazis have developed new twin-engined, medium range, high speed Junkers bombers.

Mass production of the pocket submarine, specially designed for a blockade of Britain, has been in full swing.

Britain Encircled

by Submarines

In theory they can remain on station, and be refuelled and re-provisioned from large U-boats, as mothers ships, or from seaplanes.

They have been building at a rate which in October was about 80, and is now about 120 a month.

AT LEAST 300 WILL BE READIED BY THE GERMANS

TO FORM A CIRCLE ROUND BRITAIN WHEN THE BLOCKADE IS ANNOUNCED.

Next, for the blockade plan, come the "pocket torpedo boats."

They have little fleet combat value, but are useful for reconnaissance. Zigzagging at full speed they make poor targets. They are small. Their great value to the blockade will be raids on merchant ships and convoys.

A high military authority in Berlin told me:

"Germany learned in 1914-1918, first, that no matter how smashing an army or how efficient a home morale and industry we have, we cannot bring a major European war to a definite end unless we beat the British Navy."

"SECOND, THAT WE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY FIGHT A MAJOR WAR AGAINST MAJOR POWERS ON MORE THAN ONE FRONT."

"Third, that if we keep our eastern frontier, and the Dambu Valley, open the Allies cannot starve us out.

Breaking the

Maginot Line

"Therefore, it is Allied strategy to get us fighting on two or more fronts. It is German strategy not to."

"Our General Staff has worked out mathematically our exact chances of breaking the Maginot Line."

"On paper, we say that we can do it with the loss of 900,000 men. We figure the French can similarly get into us by losing 1,000,000 men."

"In either case, the attacker would lose as many as both sides lost altogether in six months at Verdun."

"This would be just for a narrow break-through; perhaps on a front of 20 to 30 miles. Then where would we be?"

"The spearhead would meet counter-attacks from massed reserves in a hostile countryside. It is

often at a height of 12,000ft., above sea-level.

The equipment was especially designed for transportation in packing cases which could be carried by coolies.

A picturesque touch was given to the transaction by one of the Tibetan orders in connection with the contract, which was written on rice-paper and dated "The Twenty-first of the Fourth Month of the Water-Year."

EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS

LIGHT FOR LHASA: PLANT CARRIED ACROSS MOUNTAINS

NEW DELHI.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED cases of British machinery were carried by coolies and mules over precipitous mountain paths to equip a generating plant just supplied for Lhasa, the "forbidden city" of Tibet.

British enterprise is helping to transform this remote capital, home of the Dalai Lama, into a modern city possessing many amenities, including telephones and electric light.

A British electrical firm, successfully surmounting immense transport difficulties, dispatched complete equipment for a generating plant ordered by the Tibetan authorities.

At 12,000ft.

This involved the carriage of the 1,800 cases of machinery. After being sent by rail to Darjeeling, they had to be carried by coolies and mules over boulder-strewn tracks winding along the mountain sides.

NEVER-MISS GUN SECRET

CLOSEST friends of Mr. G. T. Griffin, aged fifty-four, an unemployed mechanic, of Glebe-street, Castleford, Yorks, are unable to probe the secret behind his latest invention.

For twenty years Mr. Griffin, who was wounded six times in the last war, has been working to provide the War Office with an invention which will make it impossible for an anti-aircraft gunner to miss his target.

Now he claims to have succeeded and has forwarded to the War Office plans for an attachment to an anti-aircraft gun.

But Mr. Griffin refuses to reveal the full story of how his idea was born.

"It was a sniper's bullet that put the idea in my head," he states. "I was shot through the hand in the trenches when I tried to save a periscope from falling."

Mr. Griffin has several other inventions to his credit, including a revolving dartboard and darts.

"My main idea, though, is to shorten the war," he says. "You see, I have a son in the Army and two more may be called up soon."

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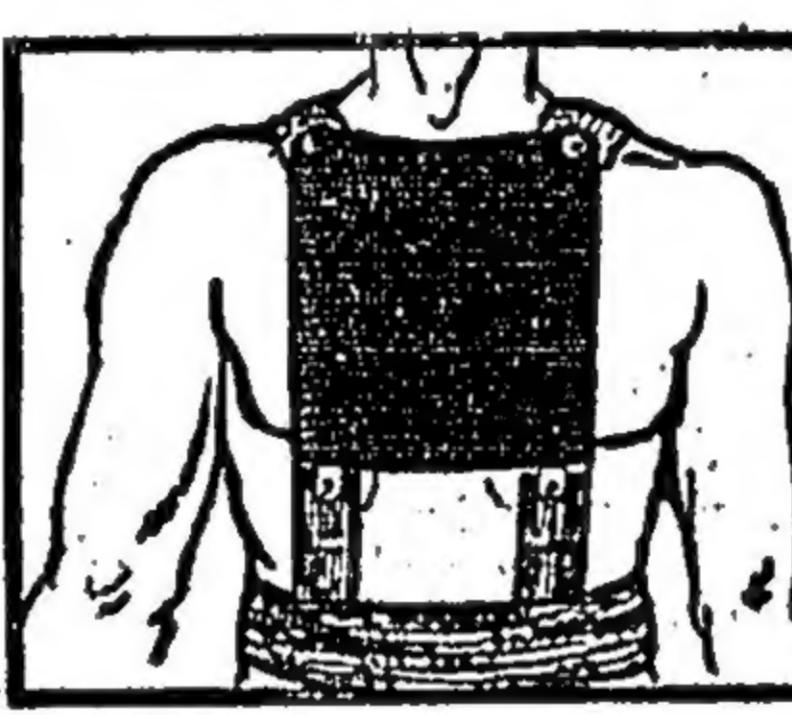
Give The Troops Chest Armour

—Says Surgeon

CHEST armour for the troops is advocated by Mr. Kenneth Walker, Harley Street Surgeon, in the "British Medical Journal."

In an interview between operations at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, Mr. Walker supplied further details.

Mr. Walker, who served as captain



Suggested design for breast-plate, which would be attached to the straps of the battledress

expensive to manufacture as it would not require shaping. It could be suspended from the broad shoulder-straps of webbing on the battle-dress.

"There is no doubt," added Mr. Walker, "that the steel helmet saved countries lives, but it took a dramatic scene in the House of Commons to get the authorities to consider its use. The French and the Germans had it long before we did."

The common scene to which Mr. Walker referred took place on March 29, 1916, when an Army Lieutenant dropped 18 feet (from the gallery) to the floor of the House and shouted: "I am asking you to protect the heads of British soldiers against shrapnel fire."

Twenty-seven per cent. of men killed instantaneously died from penetration of the chest. It has also been found that nearly 60 per cent. of wounds were due to splinters.

He said that the armour could be the same material and thickness as the steel helmet, but would not be so

flimsy as to be exposed to withering fire.

"Stand fast on the Siegfried Line with a few troops as possible, keep a potent mobile force ready to campaign in the south-east if necessary and make a direct Blitzkrieg on Britain to get her into a frame of mind for quick peace."

Thus our policy, subject of course to the changing fortunes and circumstances of war, must be:

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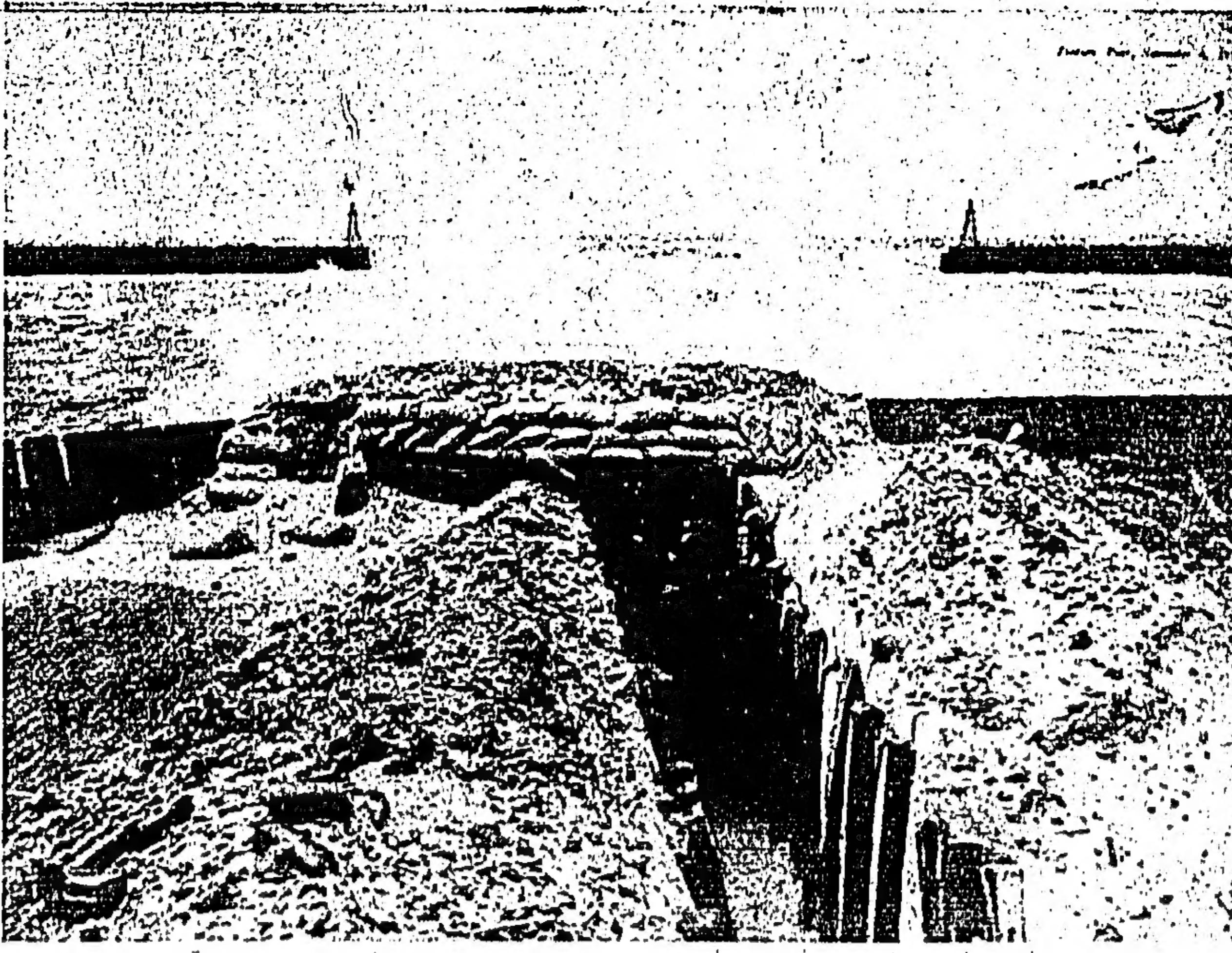
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A PHOTOGRAPH of Dutch defences on the coast of Zeeland.

Stowaways from Jamaica Want To Finish Hitler

SIX little darkie boys came to London recently. They were the first (unofficial) contingent of the Jamaican expeditionary force. They were stowaways.

SUPREME TEST

British Press And The "Blitzkrieg"

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).

It is the supreme testing time. That is the consensus of opinion during the week-end of British newspapers. There is general agreement that while the situation is crucial because of Germany's years of preparation, the whole Nazi regime is now being tried in the fire. For Hitler, it is now or never, domination or defeat.

Nazis Staking Everything

It seems impossible that we have four years of war before us, says the "Spectator." Germany is staking everything on a concentrated assault. We may have to give ground for a time. We have the power to endure but we will need all of it.

Commander Stephen King-Hall, in his weekly newsletter, deals with a question many are asking. Why has Hitler not struck before?

It was known for certain, he writes, that Hitler believed that he could make peace after the conquest of Poland. When that failed, he wanted to launch a "Blitzkrieg" in November, but his generals persuaded him to hold his hands.

They hoped that U-boats, aircraft and mines might be successful against Britain's sea communications. They hoped by skillful propaganda to detach France from Britain.

Hitler's Wrong Choice

By the spring of 1940, it was evident that these hopes had been in vain.

Hitler had to make up his mind to choose one of two courses: remain on a defensive state of siege or launch a general offensive in the hope of winning the war this year.

He has chosen the latter, and has chosen badly, says commander King-Hall. It would have been the correct course in September, 1939.

Our minds, resolution and courage must be of the quality of granite coasts.

We Are Ready

The "Economist" says that there is no reason for optimism because the stakes are high. But while we are waiting for the great clash that is coming, we can reflect that our position is more favourable than in 1914. We are ready.

The Catholic weekly, "Tablet," looks into the future. We are watching the disappearance of the whole order of Nazism, it says. A Europe restored will be a Europe united. The dream of centuries of an absolute sovereign independence must yield to something bigger and stronger. The first links are already in existence between Britain and France. They will have to be extended.

CHINESE INDUSTRIES
An Association Formed For Their Promotion

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the South-west Industrial Development Association was held in Hongkong on Friday.

A Standing Committee of nine members was formed. They are Messrs. Y. M. Chen, Chang Chao-tung, Shih Chiu-ko, Yip Lan-chuan, Hsu Wei-yang, Hsu Chi-hang, Hsu Kun-yi, Hsu San-ping and Liu Li-chi. Mr. Yen Wei-yang was also elected General Executive, and Mr. Liu Li-chi, Secretary. —Central News.

LATE NEWS

(Continued from Page 1.)

have ended the German hopes of executing a flanking movement whereby the Allied forces in Belgium may have been cut off.

Every road, railway and bridge in the evacuated area has been destroyed directly by the withdrawing British, French, Belgians and Dutch armies and afterwards by civilians who remained behind.

Among the systematic demolition operations none were more thorough or more successful than those carried out by the Dutch in their own territory, particularly in the Zeeland Islands, which have apparently been evacuated in addition to the Belgian area.

"Ah Sure Is Going To Boil Over . . ."

Herbert Robertson, aged twenty-five—he has twenty-two brothers and sisters—said: "Ah sure hope Ah ain't gonna get put in jail. Ah's come all this way to get in the Army and Ah sure is going to poll over if Ah don't see nothing but iron bars." Two of his brothers fought in the last war, and he "sure wanna make the thirteenth."

His fellow-stowaways are Percy Buchanan, Sidney Young, Harold Cover, Albert Bennett, and Alvin Murray.

Alvin is taken before a policeman he says he is going right down on his bended knees and will say, "Sir, Ah wants you to let me free so I can join the Army and fight like my father fought in the great war. If you don't let me join it's gonna break man heart."

On their way to England the darkie volunteers helped to paint the ship, scrubbed floors and worked in the engine room.

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MASTERY CAN BE GAINED ONLY BY FURIOUS AND UNRELENTING ASSAULT

—Churchill

Premier Warns Britain That Full Force Of Germany Will Soon Be Turned On Island

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Broadcasting at 8 p.m. to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill said: "I speak to you for the first time as Prime Minister in this solemn hour in the life of our country and Empire and of our Allies and, above all, in the cause of freedom."

RAVAGING OPEN COUNTRY

"A tremendous battle is raging in France and Flanders. The Germans, by a remarkable combination of air bombing and heavily armoured tanks have broken through the French defences, north of the Maginot Line. Strong columns of their armoured vehicles are ravaging open country which, for the first day or two, was without defenders.

"They have penetrated deeply and spread alarm and confusion in their track.

"Behind them are now pouring their infantry in lorries and behind them again large masses are moving forward.

"The re-grouping of the French armies to make a head-quarters, and also to strike at this intruding wedge, has been proceeding over several days. They have been largely assisted by the magnificent reals of the R.A.F."

"They must not allow themselves to be intimidated by the presence of these armoured vehicles in unexpected places behind our lines. If they are behind our front the French are also at many points fighting behind theirs.

"Both sides are in extremely dangerous positions and if the French Army and our Army are well handled, as I believe they will be, if the French retain that genius for recovery and counter-attack for which they have so long been famous, and if the British Army shows that dogged endurance in fighting power of which there have been so many examples in the past, then a sudden transformation of the scene might spring into being."

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Gravity Of The Hour
"It would be foolish, however, to disguise the gravity of the hour.

"It would be still more foolish to lose heart and courage or to suppose that our well-trained and well-equipped armies, numbering three to four millions, could be overcome within the space of a few weeks or even a few months by a sweep or raid of mechanised vehicles, however formidable."

"We may look forward with confidence to the stabilisation of the front in France and the general engagement of the masses will enable the qualities of the French and British soldiers to be matched.

"The Puppets' Carrot

(Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart is the Austrian Nazi who helped Hitler to occupy Austria in 1938. At the momentous interview at Berchtesgaden, Hitler told Schuschnigg that he must make Seyss-Inquart Minister of the Interior with a chair of the Austrian Police. When Schuschnigg later fled, Seyss-Inquart was appointed Chancellor of Hitler, and it was he who provided the pretext for the German invasion by asking—obviously on Hitler's instructions—for German troops "to maintain order". His Chancellorship lasted only a few days for Austria was declared a province of Germany and he was made its Governor).

Denied Fruits Of Victory

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The organised withdrawal in northern Belgium, Allied forces are reported to have destroyed all important military works.

In Zealand, all military and naval works were destroyed by the Dutch, including those at the important port of Flushing.

The Dutch also destroyed all petrol and reservoirs in the naval dockyards.

The Dutch contingents now left in Zealand are continuing to fight at the side of the Allies.



GENERAL WEYGAND

Weygand Becomes Military Dictator

Appointed Head Of All The Allied Forces

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, former French Chief of Staff, and lately Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in the Middle East, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all theatres of war.

A great strategist, General Weygand has been responsible for the organisation of the great Allied army now in the Middle East.

Brilliant Strategist

During the last war, he was Marshal Foch's Chief of Staff and proved himself an ideal officer. He possesses not only an amazing memory and mastery of detail, but strength of character and initiative.

He served on the Yer, in Artois and during the battle of the Somme. He helped to plan the Allied assistance to Italy and took part in the counter-attack there, returning to Marshal Foch, then Generalissimo of the Allied armies, in the final year of the war.

After the war was over, he was sent to Poland to assist the Poles against the Bolsheviks, who had almost reached the gates of Warsaw.

His counter-stroke, delivered in August, 1920, is regarded by many experts as a finer example of generalship than almost any given during the World War.

Completed Maginot Line

In 1923, he was sent to Syria as High Commissioner, and there by his

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Hitler Waging Cruellest War In Centuries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 19 (UP).—Mr. Henry Luce, the Editor of the famous American News Magazine "Time", was among the refugees from Brussels who passed through Paris today.

Prior to his departure for Lisbon, where he will connect with trans-Atlantic Clipper, for home, Mr. Luce gave an interview to Herbert King, "United Press" staff correspondent in Paris.

"Only a strong nation can make a

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NAZIS CLEARED FROM OISE AS MECHANISED UNITS ARE DECIMATED

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, MAY 19 (UP).—WHILE THE FRENCH ARMIES WERE SUCCESSFULLY HOLDING THE GERMAN LEFT FLANK WHICH YESTERDAY SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PUSH EASTWARDS IN AN EFFORT TO DRIVE BEHIND THE TRUE MAGINOT LINES, FRENCH TANK CORPS WENT INTO ACTION LAST NIGHT ALONG THE SAMBRE RIVER TO THE OISE CANAL, ON THE HOT PLAINS OF PICARDY.

In a smashing battle of tanks against tanks, the German drive to the west and south-west was completely checked.

NINE MILES REGAINED

In subsequent counter-attacks, which the French were quick to deliver following their initial success, the French threw the enemy back nine miles, re-capturing Le Cateau and Landrecies to hold both banks of the Oise River between Maubeuge and St. Quentin.

Fifty miles from their bases of supply the German advance-motorised-columns were soon in difficulty under the intense French counter-attacks and, generally, the entire German drive was at midnight marking time with slight losses of previously conquered terrain.

Simultaneously, both the British and French were throwing into the counter-attack fresh divisions which had been spared for such a task by the shortening of the lines consequent upon the strategic retreat out of Belgium.

French 75 mm field guns, which were used successfully against the Panzer Divisions yesterday, were aligned this morning along the Sambre River to the Oise Canal, where the Germans resumed at dawn their successful drive at the exact centre of the pocket.

In the first operation, the German tanks were smashed by artillery fire at point blank range. Then, through the carnage of twisted steel and shattered bodies, the French poured their own tanks to isolate and destroy two columns of German motorised infantry which were closely following behind the tanks in open motor trucks.

The German infantry, no longer protected by a vanguard of tanks, was simply decimated by the French tanks.

The elimination of these columns forced the Germans to withdraw from Le Cateau across the Oise Canal and back through Landrecies in the first retreat the Germans have made thus far.

No one knows better than the man in the air of the aid that can be given to the man on the ground.

The Germans have been using their air power to an extent never visualised before. They are seeking to muffle their troops with bombs while launching fighters at our bombers.

The Nazi Technique

While it is not certain whether the Nazi air force is bigger than the Allied air forces or not, it was able to inflict the same tactics they used in Poland—tanks preceding long columns of infantry carried into battle on rubber tyres.

Against such a steel wall there is only one answer—tanks.

After the French anti-tank mines had been blown up, destroying in the process scores of German machines, there were no more mines planted, to halt the second wave of attack.

Alignment Of Steel

French tanks and 75 mm. field guns therefore formed a solid alignment of steel, creating a wall of fire so intense that the Germans were unable to penetrate.

Engagements of this nature were

over.

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PERFECT RETREAT FROM BELGIUM

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, May 20 (UP).—As the great Battle of the Tanks nears its decisive climax this morning, the official French analyst of the military informations told me:

"The situation has lost none of its gravity.

"But the Allies have been able to take advantage of the pause in the German advance to regroup the units which were scattered by the speed and severe impact of the German drive.

"It can now be considered that the effect that has lasted for three days completely to surround the German pocket has been successfully completed.

Perfect Retreat
"At the same time the Allies have completed their strategic retreat through Belgium, which although presenting the Germans with a large tract of Belgian territory has had the effect of reducing the salient caused by the German drive."

The retreat of the Allied left wing from Belgium appears to have been perfectly executed and the Allied PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

LATEST

ITALY TO COME IN

Frank Speech By Count Ciano

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
Rome, May 19 (UP).—Indicating clearly that Italy intends to plunge into the European war, Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister told 75,000 people in a speech at Milan to-day that the nation "cannot remain outside the vicissitudes of Europe's shifting fate."

Speaking at the first anniversary of the signing of the Axis, Count Ciano declared: "Italy intends to concentrate many superior forces at a point in the Sardinia region where the main battle occurred."

The British and French aircraft crews always had superior numbers facing them.

Every movement on the ground, he said, was linked up with air force failures or successes. It was worth noting that the French air force works as closely with the R.A.F. as do the two armies on the ground.

A complete picture cannot be drawn for some time to come of this hurricane speed war. But certain inferences can be drawn.

Allied Casualties

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He added that Mussolini would give the order to march.

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Wednesday, May 22

Amoy and Shanghai	11.00 a.m.
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Reg.	May 22, 7.00 p.m.
Ord.	May 22, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Canton	7.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Amoy and Formosa	9 a.m.

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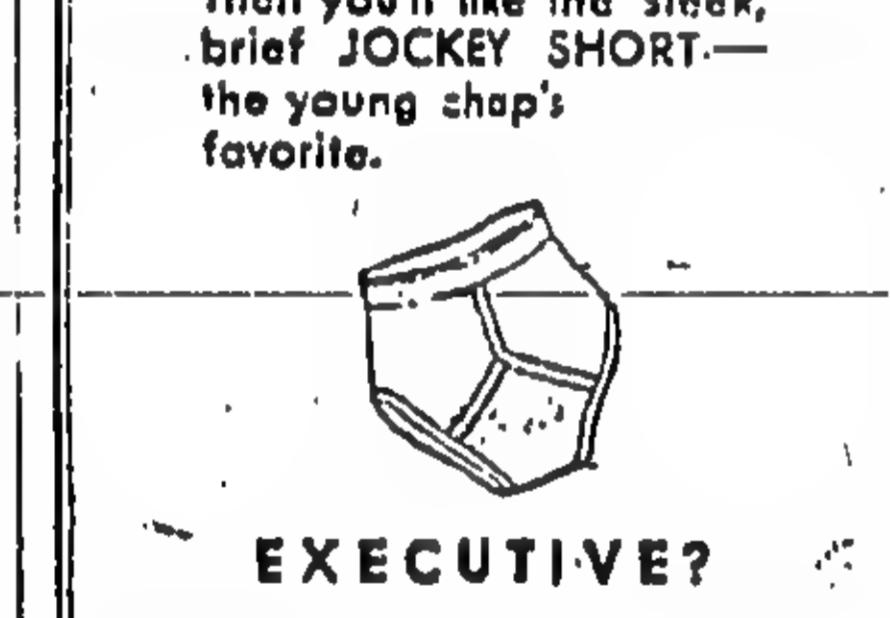
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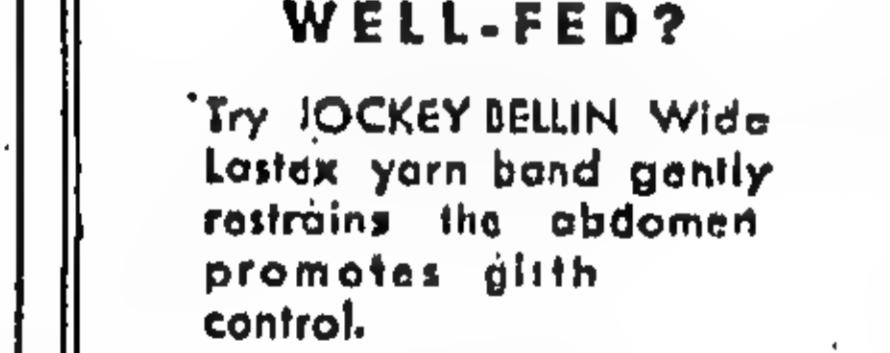
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Girl in trance sings in Egyptain

LIVING a quiet, cultured life in Blackpool is a handsome young woman who is said to be the reincarnation of an Egyptian princess who lived more than 3,000 years ago.

Not only does she speak under trance in ancient Egyptian, but she also sings the lost melodies of a bygone era.

These melodies have been jotted down, and listeners have heard them over the radio in the organ recitals of Dr. Frederic H. Wood.

Writing Medium

The story is told by Dr. Wood in *This Egyptian Miracle*, just published by Rider (8s. 6d.).

Dr. Wood writes: "Late in 1927 Rosemary's hand began to write unexpectedly by itself. I realised at once that here was what is called a 'writing medium'."

Dr. Wood claims that Rosemary's mediumship has given Egyptian scholars a guide to the pronunciation of a language known only in written form.

Under test conditions, Rosemary, while in trance, has recorded the speech of ancient Egypt on gramophone discs.

From The Past

Records of Rosemary's speech were made at the International Institute for Psychical Research, London, and have been translated by an Egyptian scholar.

"In her normal state Rosemary does not know a word of Egyptian, and she steadfastly refuses to discuss it, even with me," Dr. Wood writes.

Through Rosemary's mediumship, Dr. Wood claims, the forgotten music of ancient Egypt has been recaptured.

Words and music of a "Nile Boat Song," "A Hymn to Osiris," "An Invocation to Bunt," "Trumpet-Call to Amon" and fragments of dance tunes have been brought back from the past, he says.

ZULU CHIEF CHARGED

"Witch" Trial In London

YOU won't remember this murder because probably you never read about it.

This week in London the story will be told, although the murder—a triple, murder—was committed two and a half years ago.

A piece of rope, woven and "treated" by a witch-doctor, the contents of a witch-doctor's bag, and a broken piece of a clay pot come into the story.

And it will be told to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council—the highest tribunal of the Empire.

The committee will hear the appeal against sentence of death of Chief Fakalandha Nkumbule, a subordinate chief of Swaziland, in far-away East Africa.

This dusky, many times snarled, Zulu chief was sentenced for procuring the murder of one of his wives, his brother, and the wife of his brother.

Cave Them Poison

While at No. 10, Downing-street, the Cabinet may be meeting to make war plans, a few steps further down the street this picture will be reconstructed.

On the night of September 11, 1937, a score of Zulus sat in a semi-circle round a camp fire at Buseleni, in the district of Mankalana.

Then, it is alleged, Nhloko Hlatshwalo, a native doctor, handed round some harmless medicine until he came to the three people who were to be killed. He gave them poison under the guise of medicine.

Chief Fakalandha Nkumbule was not present at the ceremony, but it is alleged that afterwards he got in touch with the witch-doctor to reward him with money and cattle for what he had done.

Another asset to Germany will be the control of the great Diesel motor works of Burmeister and Wain.

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The much more rapid rate of destruction of U-boats in this war—a month, as against three to four a month—has added to German

dominance in maintaining pressure against our sea routes, and the addition of the Danish resources must be very welcome to the Nazi authorities.

Chief Fakalandha Nkumbule however, maintained that he had "nothing to do with" the Hitlerites.

The "medicine" for which he had asked, he declared, was the performance of the ceremony of "Luzego" to cure him of dreams.

The End of a Tragic Story

Father of this Girl Shocked All the World

THE youngest daughter of the late ex-rector of Stiffkey, Pamela Davidson, is working in a West End of London night club, to earn money to keep her mother.

Everybody will wish her luck.

Every night, at 11 o'clock, she arrives at the club, off the Charing Cross-road, and takes up her tray of cigarettes and chocolates.

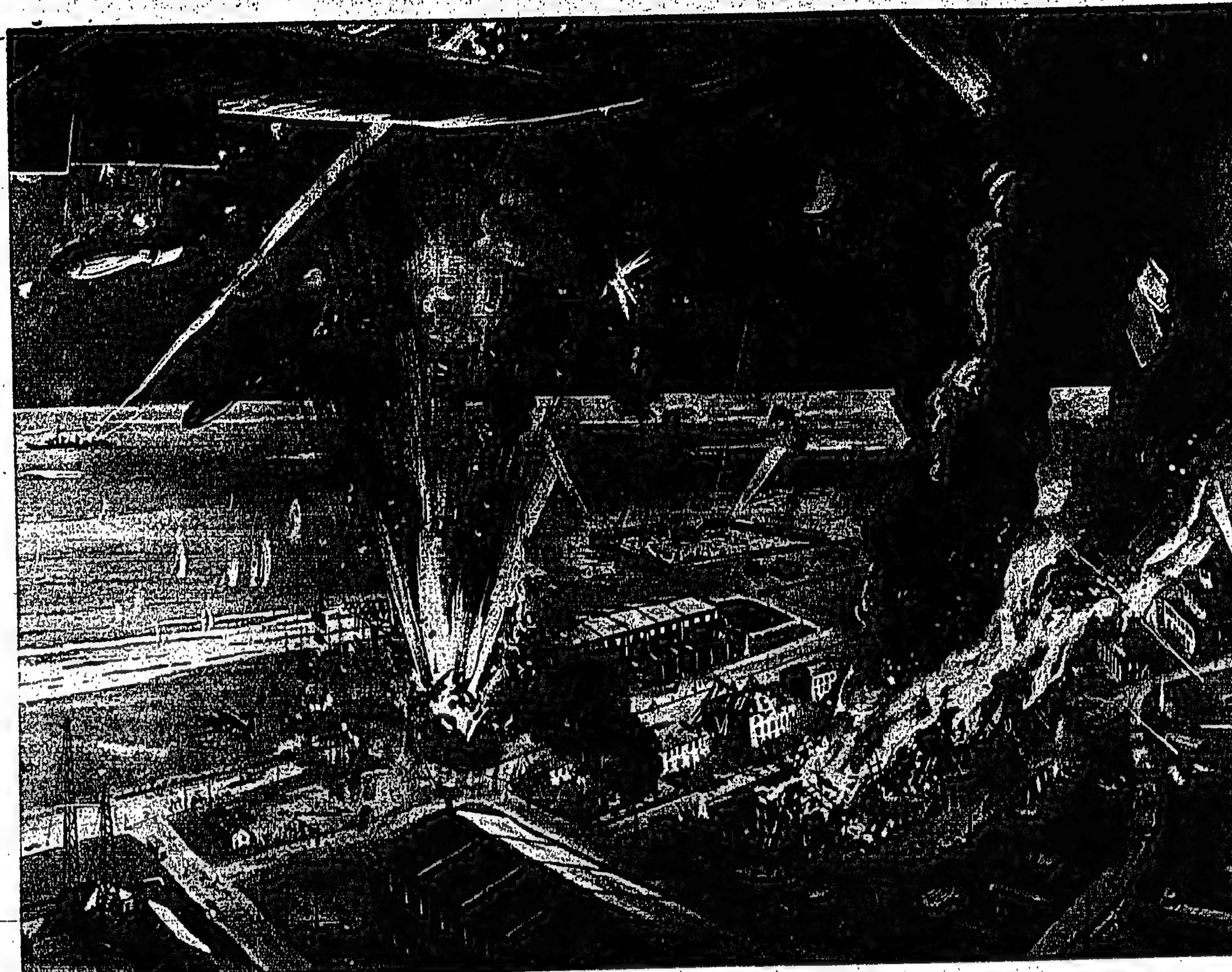
Till dawn she moves round the crowded club, selling cigarettes to the gay throng of olders on leave and their girl friends.

Pamela Davidson now in her early twenties, is slim and attractive, and many of the club patrons wonder who she is. Few know.

The youngest of the Rev. Harold Davidson's five children, she has always stood by her parents.

MAGAZINE PAGE

AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF AN R.A.F. RAID ON GERMANY



RUMANIAN NEWS REEL

RUMANIA is perhaps the richest prize in Europe for Hitler's armies if they can force their way into the country. There are several ways in, as shown on the map, but once in, the Carpathians stand like a wall thousands of feet high protecting the oil and petrol deposits of the south-east districts. There is also the possibility of an invasion across the Danubian plains, and rumours of a fantastic nature are already reaching us that the Germans may go down the Danube in barges to make a landing.

The points on the frontiers over which invading armies might come are marked on the map by arrows (German, black; Russian, scored).

There are over three-quarters of a million Germans (Saxons and Swabians) living in Rumania. The younger generation has been well indoctrinated with insidious Nazi propaganda.

Rumania's greatest danger is an uncertain, minority situation. The vast discontented Hungarian population of Transylvania, the equally unhappy Bulgars of the Dobruja, and the Russians of Bessarabia, whose aspirations are not politically serious, are three sources of possible menace.

King Carol made several big tours of the frontier areas in Bessarabia and Transylvania and also in the Cernauti districts this January. He was warmly received wherever he went, but the Germans in Bucharest openly ridicule the idea that the minorities would be faithful to him in time of war.

The internal politics of Rumania during the past few years have been bewilderingly uncertain. One Prime Minister has followed another; one followed the coffin of his predecessor when M. Calestiu was murdered by the Iron Guard. It has never yet been established whether or not the Germans were responsible for this assassination.

The Rumanians are a proud, hospitable, patriotic and brave people, with great aspirations and an infinite capacity for intrigue. If Hitler tries to take their country he will not find them asleep in their beds. They have been waiting for him for years, with 1,800,000 men, well equipped and in good heart.



This map shows the location in Rumania of the different racial minorities. This map shows what size Rumania would become if the minority claims against her were conceded.

Spotting the Rank
MAJOR-GENERAL

A Major-General commands a Division and holds direct appointments on headquarters staff. The rank was originally Supt.-Major-General, hence the fact that it ranks below that of a Lieutenant-General.

The majority of Major-Generals are specially selected from the list of Brigadiers commanding infantry brigades, but officers of all arms are eligible for the various posts carrying the rank.

At the start of the war there were 97 holding the rank of Major-General in the British Army, one in the Royal Marines, 26 in the Indian Army and three in the Territorial Army.

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RUMOURS OF PEACE
Conference Said Held
In Hongkong

New York, May 16. A special report to the New York Times from Shanghai says that Japanese emissaries and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's representatives are meeting in Hongkong regarding a basis for formal Sino-Japanese negotiations. —United Press.

Rumours of Sino-Japanese peace were first circulated last week in Hongkong Chinese exchange circles to the effect that a high official of the Chinese Government in Chungking had gone to Haiphong for this purpose. Since then, the story has been denied by Chinese officials, but the news has produced a beneficial effect upon the Chinese national currency which is now much more steady.

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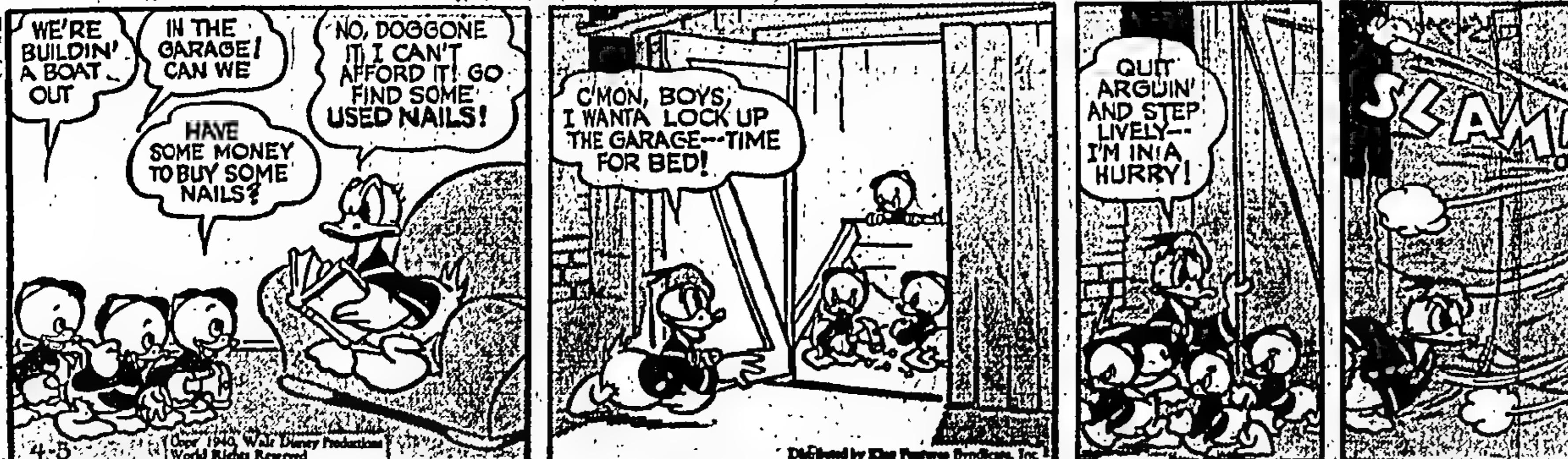
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R.A.F. MEN TOOK THIS AS THEY BOMBED U-BOAT

B.E.F. Man Finds His French Bride (Telegram Went Astray)

FAMED RUGBY PLAYER KILLED



PRINCE ALEXANDER OBOLENSKY, the English Rugby International, who was a pilot officer in the R.A.F., was killed in a plane accident at an East Anglian aerodrome.

When he was landing his plane hit an obstruction and turned upside down.

HIS BROTHER CO-RESPONDENT

A BROTHER cited his own brother as co-respondent in the Divorce Court recently.

He was Mr. Reginald Malcolm Burge, of Brockwell Court, Brixton, S.W., and he cited his brother, Mr. Edward Burge.

He was granted a decree nisi, with costs, on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hilda Burge.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Burge married in 1929. They lived in London hotels and in Paris.

The case for Mr. Burge was that his wife left him in 1937, and he alleged that she and his brother afterwards committed adultery.

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT WILLIAM DENECKER and his 32-year-old French bride have been re-united.

A telegram that went astray had caused them a lot of trouble.

Denecker is in the Royal Army Service Corps, and went to France with the B.E.F. soon after war began. He was married in February, and not long afterwards was ordered back to England.

Mrs. Denecker arrived at Folkestone to join him.

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SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD Mrs. Mabel Stevenson, of Cliftonville-road, Brighton, had two pet canaries.

Every night she hung the cage containing one of them on the kitchen wall.

The other cage she placed on the plate rack above the gas stove. This practice cost Mrs. Stevenson her life.

For in putting the cage on the plate rack she accidentally turned a loose tap of the gas stove.

Neighbours who broke into her flat found her and the canaries dead.

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded at the inquest.



THESE amazing pictures of the last minutes of a Nazi submarine were taken by the crew of an R.A.F. plane as they sank it.

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He was the only white man within seven miles.

In London—at the Old Bailey—he was sent to prison for fifteen months for possessing 1,224 uncut diamonds valued at £15,000, knowing them to have been stolen.

And Judge Beasley said to him:

"In addition to stealing a large quantity of diamonds you broke a great trust—the trust reposed in you as the only white man in a camp and in charge of a mine. You set a shocking example to the natives under you."

Hutter admitted stealing the diamonds, and said he stole them because he heard by cable from England that his wife—whom he had married two years previously—was ill in hospital and had no money to pay bills.

Said Ho Was Single.

He arrived at Liverpool on leave with the diamonds hidden in his

got away. We dropped our bombs. My first impression was that they had fallen short, but the corporal air gunner shouted excitedly through the inter-communication set, 'A direct hit, sir!'

"Putting the aircraft into a sharp turn I brought it round in time to be able to see the stern and bow sticking up out of the water. The submarine must have been split in two."

The corporal air gunner said: "I was looking down on the submarine as we were passing over. After I had dropped our bombs I saw two parts of the vessel sticking up out of the water. All I could see in between was a white patch of disturbed water. Then oil began to spread over the surface of the sea. Finally, first one part then the other disappeared as though they had gone down separately."

White man at native camp 'broke trust'

OUT in Sierra Leone, British colony on the West African coast, Donald Harold Hutter, aged twenty-four, had charge of a native camp and a diamond mine.

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Mr. Christmas Humphreys, prosecuting, said the "impression had been given by the defence that the climate in Sierra Leone was such that it would not be advisable to take a white woman out there. That was not so."

The company employing Hutter advised their employees to take their wives with them, but when Hutter joined the firm he signed a statement that he was single.

Mr. Edward Clarke, defending, said Hutter told the firm he was single because he thought it would be easier for him to get the job. He was paid £245 a month, out of which he allowed his wife £20 a month.

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1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, Frances Day, Bing Crosby and Others.

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8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 This week's programmes.

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MISS WOLFE ENGAGED

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G. A. G. Johnston

The engagement is announced in the London Times, of Squadron Leader G. A. G. Johnston, R.A.F., to Kathleen Irene Wolfe.

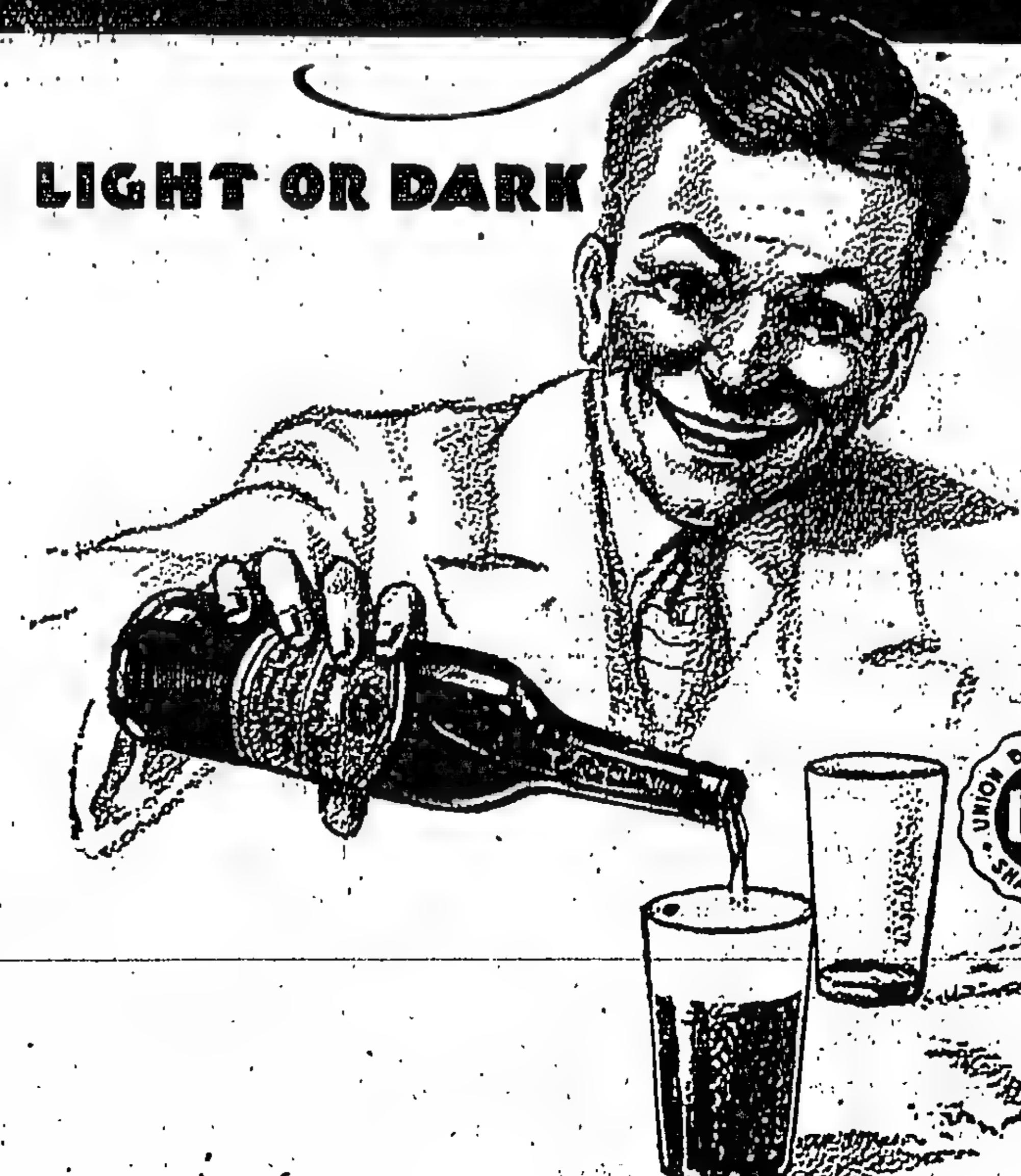
The bride-to-be is the younger daughter of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, former Inspector General of Police in Hongkong, who retired on pension in April, 1935. He and Mrs. Wolfe are now living at 24 Kensington Mansions, S.W.5.

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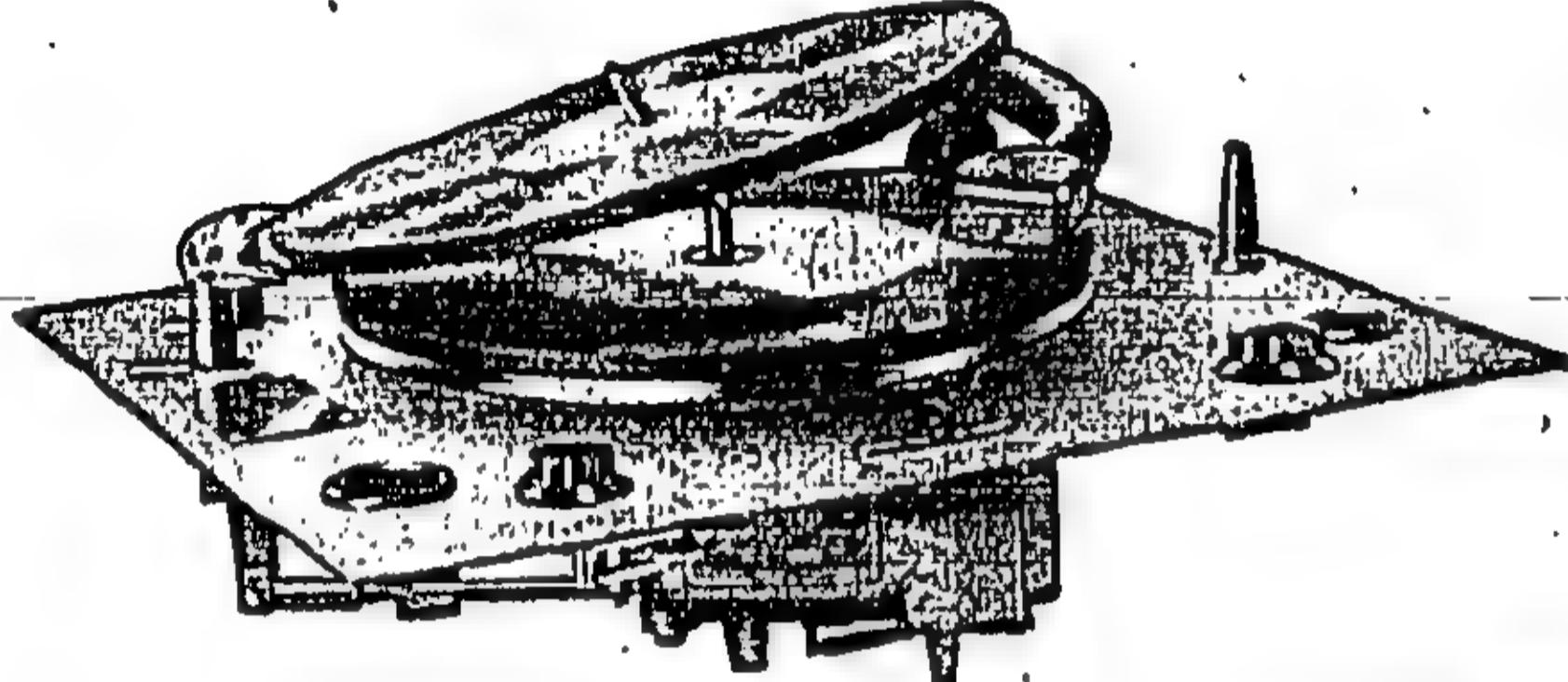
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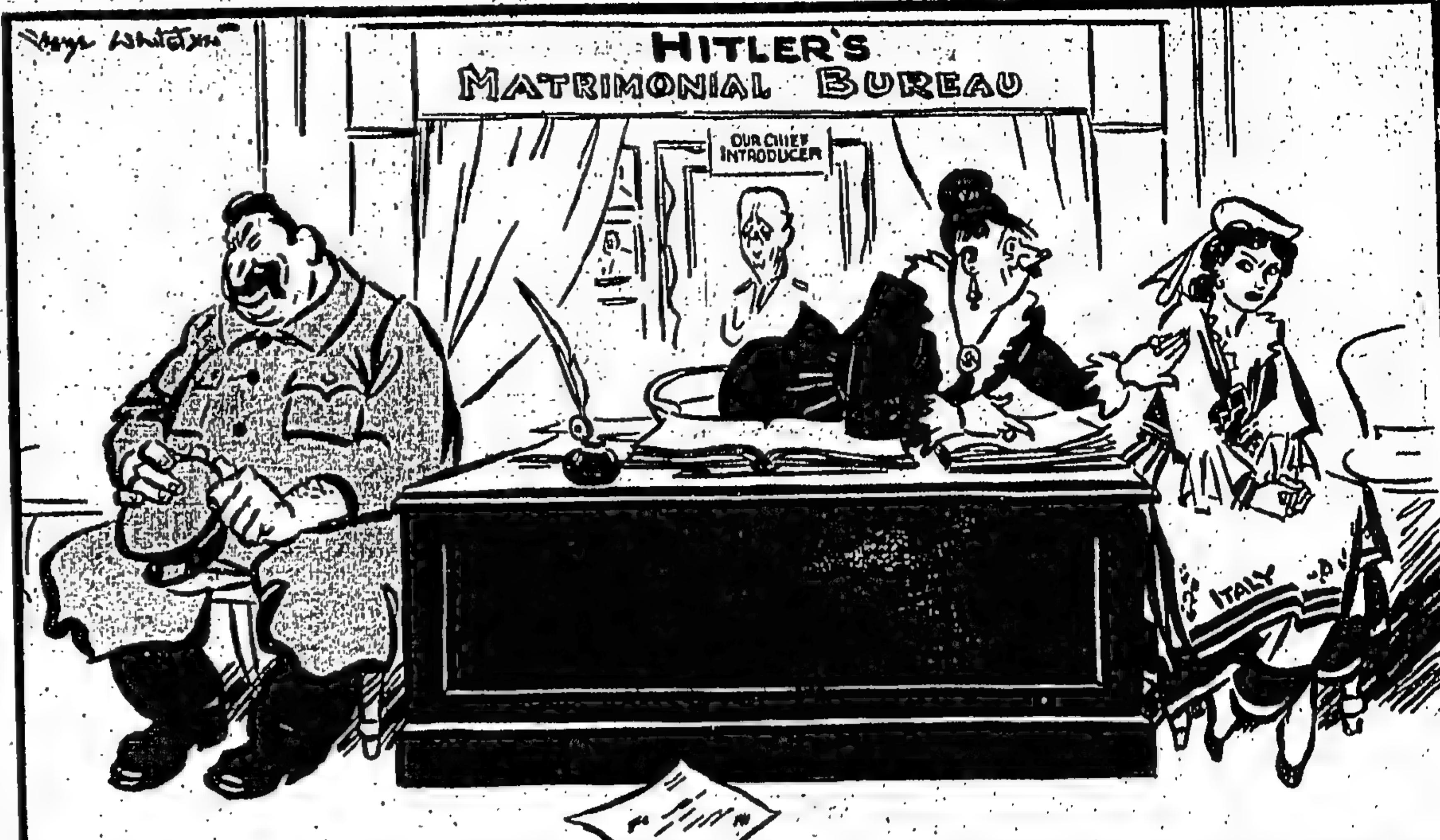
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MADAME ADOLF: "Confidentially, my dear, I agree with you. But why not walk out with him and see how you get along?"

THIS SONG CHANGED YOUR LIFE**FACTS**

Just over one hundred years ago died Rouget de Lisle, composer of "Marseillaise," war hymn of French Revolution. Himself a Royalist, writing in hatred of German threat to his country, his song quickly became manifesto of revolutionists and Napoleonic armies.

Banned under Second Empire. Adopted as official anthem by Third Republic.

British political songs: "Lillibulero" used against James II., "Tipperary" in Great War.

By

Philip Jordan

WHEN evening came, and it was quiet, the music of the song flew through the air. Although it was gentle at first, and came up the wind from far away, the peasants who heard it were aware that this was a new sound, perhaps even that great fire of liberty was now being set alight and that its blaze would tear through Europe for more than 100 years before a great war came to damp it down in our own time.

Aesthetic Cricket

Why is it, inquires C. B. Fry, the English athlete, that, more than all other games, cricket appeals to the imagination of artists in all walks of life in Great Britain? Football is more popular with the masses. Golf has a greater hold upon the wealthy. Real tennis has a longer and more royal lineage. Yet it is cricket, Englishmen love to point out, and none of these other games, that links together such diverse people as Clifford Bax and Sir James Barrie, Sir John Squire and Andrew Lang, Alec Waugh and C. Aubrey Smith (of Cambridge and Hollywood).

Mr. Fry suggests that there is a mystery in the art of hitting a ball with a bat that eludes even the greatest of cricketers, and fascinates men of letters. Mr. Fry is sometimes called the finest all-round athlete that England ever produced. He is one of the few amateurs who have ever played in a professional football cup final. Even so, there will be found some who disagree with his explanation.

For the best writing about cricket is not to be discovered in technical discussions about the niceties of play. It is found in poems and essays and stories that are drenched in the peculiarly gentle, peaceful, gracious atmosphere of the game, on summer afternoons when the sun throws long shadows across the green, and the chime of the church clock and the murmur of trees in the breeze are the only sounds that break the stillness except for the quiet, regular knock of bat on ball. Cricket, many people will maintain, is the most literary of games simply because it is the most aesthetic.

The western sun threw their long shadows in the direction of Prussia, against whom even now the armies of France were marching; and over the brow of the hill, to the south of them, black against the pale sky of the evening, came the uplifted weapons of rude men crusading for liberty.

The irresistible song which they sang foamed down the valley, and although only the corners of the world; a tone sound and no words reached the common man as acophany.

LIBERTY was on the march; and its feet moved to the tune of "The War Song of the Army of the Rhine." Later generations were to call it "La Marseillaise."

The man who wrote that song necessary as on that first morning when its titanic hymn, The graveyards of the "International" have raced through the ages on tireless wings to emerge in our own time, fresh, vital, and as

From the anerusts which precedes its first bar to the last dying fall it is an urgent and vital song which has altered the history of mankind as it

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the tribulation has ever risen above the light of day and without so much as a by-your-leave plucked greedily at the heartstrings of mankind and gave it self-respect.

Men who will not die for impeccable statistics will fall gladly for an untruth if it be set to music.

AND no other song in the long story of the world has risen above the light of day and without so much as a by-your-leave plucked greedily at the heartstrings of mankind and gave it self-respect.

Let his epitaph be not only his own hymn but also the words of the Victorian poet, O'Shaughnessy:

One man with a dream, of pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer
a crown,
And three with a new song's
measure
Can trample a kingdom
down.

OFFENSIVE WILL LOSE MOMENTUM

Allies In Position To Stop Nazis

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—Military observers here note that as time goes on, the German bounds forward, backed by heavy armoured columns, will become steadily less both in width and depth.

"Le Temps" military critic, a retired general, writes: "The situation is still serious but it is to be believed that the High Command has the necessary means to check the new enemy drive along the Oise Valley."

"Reliable indications allow us to think that recovery is perfectly possible. The re-grouping recently mentioned in French communiques evidently enabled us to give our dispositions the depth which was at first lacking."

"Reserves must now cover and protect the dangerous penetrations."

Gen. Sikorski's Message

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—Broadcasting to the Polish nation, General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, said that he was speaking at a particularly grave moment.

He added: "We are only in the first phase of a great battle which may have many varying fortunes. It would be as dangerous to exaggerate the significance of local success as to exaggerate provisional retirement."

"Victory will be, as always, the result of moral and material superiority. These two factors the Allies both possess."

"Thus calmly with resolution and steadfast faith we must await victory in the struggle."

Avalanche Of Steel & Fire

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—In a message to the Polish nation to-day, General Sikorski said that the battle for which they had been waiting was now being fought in Belgium and upon French territory.

The Allied armies, he said, were opposing an avalanche of steel and fire.

Behind them were the wealth of their countries and Empires.

What struck him more than anything else, however, was the deep sense of patriotism they have.

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GERMANS IN RETREAT

FROM PAGE ONE

48 hours in the Oise Valley and between the Aisne and the Somme.

Overhead, the sky was black with bombers, which played an important secondary role in support of the rival tank armies.

Nowhere in history or on battle-field has there ever been a more punishing battle fought than this tank battle of the Oise Valley, upon which, it appears, the whole German invasion may probably turn.

At the very least, to-day's successful harrying of the passage to the German tank columns by the French has given the Allies time to re-align their forces.

Foodless, Sleepless For Week

Both armies have been fighting for more than a week in which time they have had practically no sleep and almost no food. Yet there are no signs of fatigue on the two armies meet in one of the first frontal engagements of the war.

Rifles, machine-guns and small anti-tank artillery are helpless against the German wall of tanks because the Germans put big tanks in front and alongside small tanks.

When 400 such monsters line up they are immune to orderly attack.

They have cover 12 to 20 miles per hour, splitting deadly fire on all sides.

Sacked Pledges

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MASTERY CAN BE GAINED

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squarly against those of their adversaries. "For myself, I have invincible confidence in the French Army and its leaders. It is only a very small part of that Army that has been heavily engaged and only a very small part of France has yet been invaded."

"There is good evidence to show that practically the whole of the specialised and mechanised forces of the enemy have already been thrown into battle. We know that heavy losses have been inflicted on them."

The Only Way To Mastery

"No officer or man, no brigade or divisions which grapples at close quarters with the enemy wherever encountered can fail to give worthy contribution to the general results."

"The armies must cast away the idea of resisting the attack behind concrete lines or natural obstacles and must realise that mastery can only be regained by furious and unrelenting assault."

"And this spirit must not only unimate the High Command but must inspire every fighting man."

"In the air, even at serious odds or even at odds which up to now have been thought overwhelming, we have been clawing down three or four planes to one of our own and the relative decline of the British and German Air Forces has now become considerably more favourable to us than at the beginning of the war."

"In cutting down the German bombers we are fighting our own battles as well as those of France."

Ability To Beat Nazi Air Force

"My confidence in our ability to fight it out to a finish with the German Air Force has been strengthened by the fierce encounters which have taken place and are taking place."

"At the same time our heavy bombers are striking at the root of the German mechanised power and have already inflicted serious damage upon oil refineries upon which the Nazi effort to dominate the world directly depends."

"We must expect that as soon as stability has been reached on the Western Front, the bulk of that force which gashed Holland into ruins and smoke in a few days will be turned upon us."

"I am sure I speak for all when I say that we are ready to face it and endure it and to retaliate against it to any extent that the unwritten laws of war permit."

Britain The Next Victim

"There will be many men and women in this island who, when the ordeal comes upon them, as come it will, will feel comfort and even pride that they are sharing the perils of our lads at the front—soldiers, sailors and airmen, God Bless Them—and are drawing away from them part at least of the onslaught they have to bear."

"Is not this the appointed time for all to make the utmost exertion in their power?"

"If the battle is to be won we must provide our men with the ever-increasing quantities of weapons and ammunition they need."

"We must have, and have quickly, more planes, tanks, shells and guns—there is need for vital vital munitions."

Must Win The War

"They increase our strength against the powerfully armed enemy and replace wastage of obstinate struggle and the knowledge that the wastage will be speedily replaced enables us to draw more readily upon reserves and throw them in now when everything means so much."

"Our task is not only to win the battle but to win the war."

"After this battle in France abides its forces there will come to battle for our island, for all that Britain is and all that the world is."

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GEN. WEYGAND ARMY DICTATOR

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High Command is undoubtedly pleased with the success that has attended this delicate manoeuvre, despite the fact that the Germans have been presented with three-quarters of Belgium and most of its seacoast.

By destroying highways, railways and bridges as they withdraw, the French, Belgian, British and Dutch forces were able to avoid costly contact with the enemy, during their great retreat. The Germans were thus unable to take their customary toll of rear-guard units.

He retired from the post in January, 1935, and was succeeded by General Gamelin.

Strongly Anti-Nazi

General Weygand is a strong opponent of any rapprochement with Germany. He is also said to be one of the very few French generals who really understand Englishmen. His melancholy and apparent diffidence conceal a master mind which works with great rapidity.

This is the man who has been selected to take charge in the present theatres of war.

To Galvanise Energies

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General Weygand's prestige has remained undiminished, and the nation sees in the changes final proof of the Government's ferocious determination to fight with cool intelligence and relentless energy.

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General Weygand is known as the man who has never been beaten. It is declared that he loves danger which lends him genius.

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE PROGRESSES

Sing Tao Overwhelm Postal Bank 99-27

Lawn Bowls League

CHAMPIONS RETAIN LEADERSHIP

Recreio "A" Beat K.B.G.C. By Three Shots' Margin

RECREIO "A", leaders of the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League, retained their leadership on Saturday by the narrow margin of three shots when they were opposed to the Kowloon B.G.C. The Indian R.C. suffered their third defeat, while Craigengower accounted for Recreio "B"—spoiling their 100 per cent record.

The scores in brief were:

FIRST DIVISION

		Recreio "A"	K.B.G.C.
Kowloon B.G.C.	53	Recreio "A"	50
Police	64	H.K.F.C.	47
Kowloon Docks	59	Indian R.C.	49
Recreio "B"	52	Craigengower	77

SECOND DIVISION

		Kowloon	Tong
Craigengower	69	Kowloon	54
Police	38	Kowloon	63
Kowloon C.C.	44	Recreio	68
Hongkong F.C.	85	H.K.C.C.	43

THIRD DIVISION

		Electric	77
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

FOURTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

FIFTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

SIXTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

SEVENTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

EIGHTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

NINTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

TENTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

ELEVENTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

TWELFTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

THIRTEENTH DIVISION

		Electric	77
Seven	48	H.K. Electric	63
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
Kowloon F.C.	49	H.K.C.C.	60
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

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Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41
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Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon	77

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Hitler's Plan to Smash Britain

Air: Mass raids . Sea: Pocket . U-boats
by super-bombers .

Land: 'Could break
Maginot Line'

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1890. Count Ciano stated in the Chamber that complete record exists between England, Austria and Italy to prevent any rising in Europe. He also declared that peace in Europe had been come to between England and Italy, and that nothing can be done without the concurrence of England.

Prominent English citizens of Montreal claim that the English-speaking population of that city, in their view, but on the contrary, increasing and holding its own with the French.

It has been discovered that with the new English magazine rifle the first shot always goes wide, and it is alleged that the soldiers believe that it will not shoot well unless the first breathes sharply down the barrel three or four times before use.

25 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1915. Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that the majority of Italians consider that immediate war is now inevitable and that must be imminent. That the King refused to accept Signor Salandra's resignation, "for the sake of God and our Country." When the King called a Conference, it was offered ridiculous inadequate concessions, and that the Triplets had been denounced, they rose indignantly against Signor Salandra's proposal, and it was agreed that the King had unmistakably military aspirations. None doubted that the King, whose heart beats in union with the people of his subjects.

A Zeppelin airship dropped about 40 bombs on Flensburg, the port's wireless tower and late dictator, was burnt out of Warsaw today, aboard a special train, and to the place of interment at Cracow.

10 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1930. Twenty-seven European Governments yesterday received copies of the memorandum on the scheme outlined by the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, which is known as the United States of Europe.

5 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1935. The envoys bearing the body of Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, Poland's war hero and late dictator, was burnt out of Warsaw today, aboard a special train, and to the place of interment at Cracow.

1935

It is recalled in the "Gazette" that His Excellency the Governor, under instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has made the following appointments:

Mr. G. H. Saver to be a Cadet Officer Class I, with effect from August 11, 1934.

Mr. Walter Schofield to be a Cadet Officer Class I, with effect from October 24, 1934.

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor to be a Cadet Accountant, Kowloon Canton Railway, with effect from June 2, 1934.

Mr. T. H. King to be Inspector General of Police, with effect from April 9, 1935.

Nine members of the Parliamentary Labour Party have tendered a resignation to the House of Commons, urging the Government to bring to the notice of the German government the feelings of repulsion and alarm at the new tension now prevailing in Germany, and demand of the Government that this condition of affairs has an immediate influence upon the cordial relations which, it is desirable and should exist between Germany and Great Britain.

Shipping Co. Criticised

"Very Careless" Says Harbour Master

"I think the company has been very careless in this matter and they will have to pay for it." This was the comment made by the Harbour Master, Commander G. F. Hale, in the Marine Court to-day before he imposed a fine of \$600 or six months imprisonment on Captain R. Allinson, Master of the China Navigation Company's steamer Klangsu.

Captain Allinson was originally charged with having, on April 25, entered the waters of the Colony carrying 602 passengers in excess of the number allowed on the Klangsu's passenger carrying certificate, and this charge was amended to conform with the increased allowance of a later certificate, and the number in excess was put at 348.

Captain Allinson pleaded guilty.

Defendant's Explanation
Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who appeared for the defendant, explained that the Klangsu had arrived at Swatow with an unusually large number of passengers from Shanghai. At Swatow it was found that more passengers than the ship was entitled to carry had been inadvertently booked by the company's agents. As the Japanese had already issued passes for these passengers and as there would have been no other ship for a fortnight the Klangsu Captain reluctantly agreed to take them.

"I know these difficulties," Mr. Holje declared, "but I think the company has been very careless in this matter and they will have to pay for it. I have no option but to fine the Master and I'm afraid I cannot make it a nominal fine."

Indian Currency Conservation

SIMLA, May 19. (Reuter).—The Government is introducing restrictions on certain imports similar to those enforced in other parts of the British Empire in order to conserve Indian currency.

The list contains nearly 70 articles and includes sugar, raw cotton, motor vehicles, silk and piece-goods.

The Stuff They Tell America

HITLER HAS a four-point war plan to smash Britain. It is here revealed by Mr. W. B. Courtney, famous American journalist, who interviewed German military and air chiefs.

It is the type of war news that is being cabled to America from Berlin.

By W. B. COURTYNE

GERMANY'S FOUR-POINT WAR PLAN TO CRUSH BRITAIN WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION SOON. THE NAZIS CLAIM, BIGGEST FACTOR IN THE PLAN IS A NON-STOP AIR WAR, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE GERMAN "BLOCKADE" OF BRITAIN.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2.27/32
Liquid London	1/2.21/32
	350
T.T. Shanghai	525
T.T. Singapore	334
T.T. Japan	324
T.T. India	104
T.T. U.S.A.	394
T.T. Manila	304
T.T. Australia	109
T.T. Bangkok	109
T.T. Saigon	109
T.T. France	97
T.T. Switzerland	97
T.T. Australia	170

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3.6/32
4 m/s D/P London	1/3.6/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	203
4 m/s France	114
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	422
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	322

BY SUBMARINES

This blockade, according to high military authorities in Berlin, will be made by:

1. A fleet of 500 pocket U-boats, manned by crews of 12.
2. A large fleet of armed speedboats, each with a crew of 4.
3. Mass air raids on British ports, dockyards, and the fleet.
4. Mass air raids on merchant shipping and convoys.

For the air raids the Nazis have developed a new twin-engined, medium range, high speed Junkers bomber.

Mass production of the pocket submarine, specially designed for a blockade of Britain, has been in full swing.

Britain Encircled

AT LEAST 300 WILL BE READY, THE GERMANS CLAIM, TO FORM A CIRCLE ROUND BRITAIN WHEN THE BLOCKADE IS ANNOUNCED.

Next, for the blockade plan, come the "pocket torpedo boats."

They have little fleet combat value, but are useful for reconnaissance.

Zigzagging at full speed, they make poor targets. They are frail.

Their great value to the blockade will be raids on merchant ships and convoys.

A high military authority in Berlin told me:

"Germany learned in 1914-1918, first, that no matter how smashing an army or how efficient a home morale and industry, we have, we cannot bring a major European war to a definite end unless we beat the British."

"SECOND, THAT WE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY FIGHT A MAJOR WAR AGAINST MAJOR POWERS ON MORE THAN ONE FRONT."

"Third, that if we keep our eastern frontier, and the Danubian Valley, open the Allies cannot starve us out, as usual.

Breaking the Maginot Line

"Therefore, it is Alred strategy to get us fighting on two or more fronts. It is German strategy not to."

"Our General Staff has worked out mathematically our exact chances of breaking the Maginot Line."

"On paper, we say that we can do it with the loss of 900,000 men. We figure the French can similarly set us into by losing 1,000,000 men."

"In either case, the attacker would lose as many as both sides lost altogether in six months at Verdun."

"This would be just for a narrow break-through; perhaps on a front of 20 to 30 miles. Then where would we be?"

"The spearhead would meet counter-attacks from massed reserves in a hostile countryside. Its

SHE IS FIRST WOMAN ANNOUNCER



EARLIER REPORTS

ST. QUENTIN IN GERMAN HANDS

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The latest news received here shows that the battle between the Sambre and Meuse Rivers continued all day.

The situation is stated to be confused. Light German units have reached St. Quentin but the French are carrying out many counter-attacks.

Rumours that the Germans have taken Peronne (west of St. Quentin) are denied by French military authorities.

A War Ministry spokesman described the situation as grave.

"But," he said, "there is no need to regard it as catastrophic."

Fighting Front Described

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The fighting front now extends from about Montmédy, south-east of Sedan, to the Belgian coast.

The German salient into France starts north of Montmédy and runs like a blunt spear-head towards Marschall Tchekmuk, heading an important military mission to Beloit.

It is reported that owing to the international situation, the National Assembly has decided to forego its usual summer recess from June to November, and will continue meeting as usual.

On the southern edge of the spear-head, the fighting on Saturday was unimportant.

Although the Germans have made some attacks the French have also been engaged in local action and in re-taking several villages.

The northern edge of the spear-head runs roughly parallel with Sambre River.

The Germans say that they have crossed the Sambre and have taken Le Cateau and San Quintin.

A French Army spokesman says that the area of the main battle is 10 miles east of these two towns.

Terrific Nazi Losses

The Germans used both heavy and light tanks and aircraft guns in this battle but strong French resistance caused them heavy losses.

At one point the German dead are said to have formed a wall five feet high.

Over this wall the German tanks pursued their way.

The drive toward San Quintin was made by a light mechanised detachment of the type usually used for scouting.

It is not very large and not very strong.

Forts Holding Out

So far, the Sambre River has formed the northern edge of the spear-head and the French have been holding out at the Forts of Maubeuge.

A French spokesman says that the position is uncertain in Maubeuge itself but fighting is going on to the west of the forts.

The movement west-north across the Sambre Valley may mean that the German drive has been diverted in an attempt to develop the Allied troops in Belgium, have been withdrawn strategically.

This morning, British General Headquarters announced that the British front on Saturday had held firmly in the face of strong enemy pressure.

German Claim

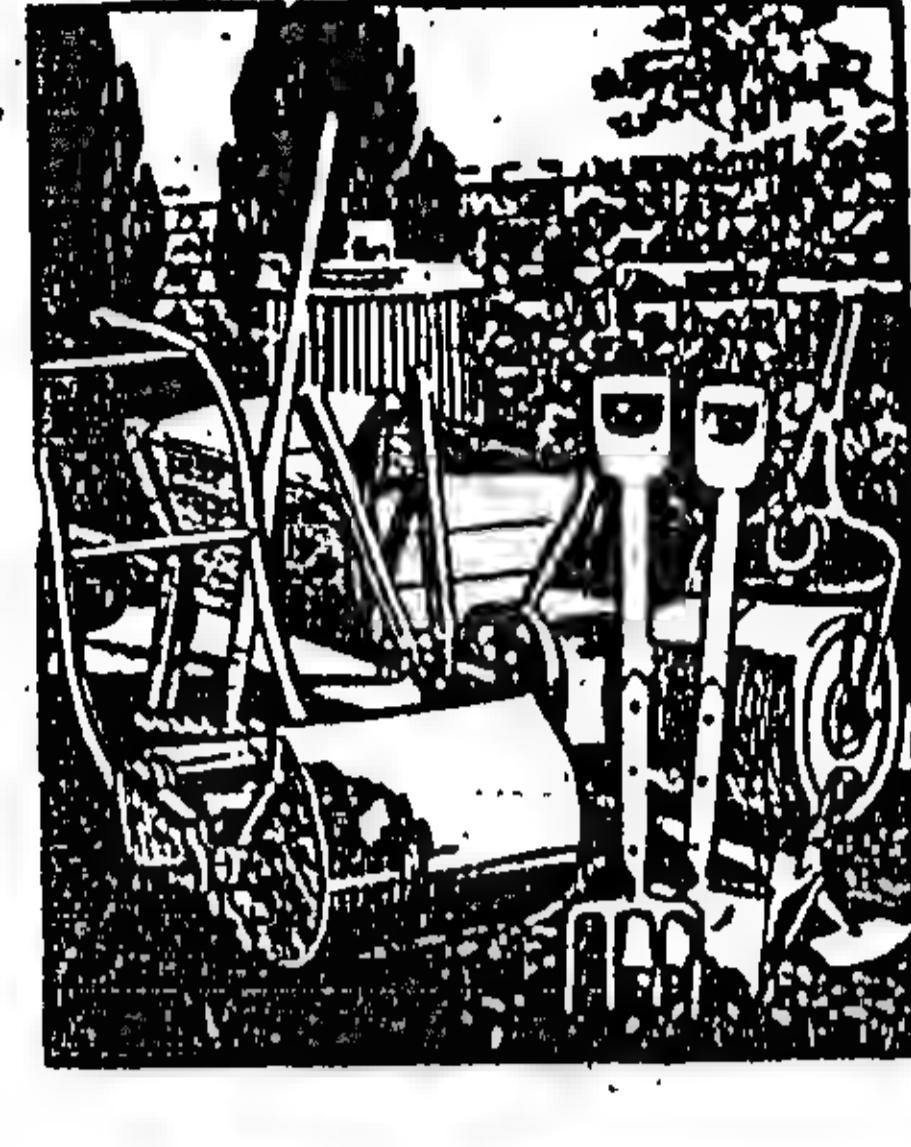
BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter).—An attack by Allied armoured cars south-west of Brussels last night was repulsed, according to competent quarters quoted by the official news agency.

It is claimed that 20 armoured cars were destroyed during the operation and it is stated that anti-aircraft artillery was used against the armoured cars.

JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—A contingent of the Second Australian Imperial Force arrived in Palestine this morning at the conclusion of a 10,000 miles journey.

7el. 28151.

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C 3030 Here we are again. If you were the only girl. Sweet Genevieve. John Brown's body. Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay. It's a great big shame. Old bull and bush. My old Dutch. Broken doll.

C 2893 Fantasia. The British Empire. England. The British Grenadiers. Ireland. Minstrel boy. India. Rikshaw. Wales. Men of Harlech. Canada. Cancan song. Australia. Aboriginal air. South Africa. Folk song. Scotland. Callie Herrin' & hundred pipers. New Zealand. National song. Finale. Mayfair Symphony Orch.

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SUPREME TEST

British Press And
The "Blitzkrieg"

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—It is the supreme testing time. That is the consensus of opinion during the week-end of British newspapers. There is general agreement that while the situation is crucial because of Germany's year of preparation, the whole Nazi regime is now being tried in the fire. For Hitler, it is now or never, domination or defeat.

Nazis Staking Everything

It seems impossible that we have four years of war before us, says the "Spectator." Germany is staking everything on concentrated assault. We may have to give ground for a time. We have the power to endure but we will need all of it.

Commander Stephen King-Hall, in his weekly newsletter, deals with a question many are asking. Why has Hitler not struck before?

It was known for certain, he writes, that Hitler believed he could make peace after the conquest of Poland. When that failed, he wanted to launch a "Blitzkrieg" in November, but his generals persuaded him to hold his hands.

They hoped that U-boats, aircraft and mines might be successful against Britain's sea communications. They hoped by skillful propaganda to detach France from Britain.

Hitler's Wrong Choice

By the spring of 1940, it was evident that these hopes had been in vain.

Hitler had to make up his mind to choose one of two courses: remain on a defensive state of siege or launch a general offensive in the hope of winning the war this year.

He has chosen the latter and has chosen badly, says commander King-Hall. It would have been the correct course in September, 1939.

Our minds, resolution and courage must be of the quality of granite costs.

We Are Ready

The "Economist" says that there is no reason for optimism because the stakes are high. But while we are waiting for the great clash that is coming, we can reflect that our position is more favourable than in 1914. We are ready.

The Catholic weekly, "Tablet," looks into the future. We are watching the disappearance of the whole order of Nazism, it says. A Europe restored will be a Europe united. The dream of centuries of an absolute sovereign independence must yield to something bigger and stronger. The first links are already in existence between Britain and France. They will have to be extended.

Message To Finland
Sir Walter Citrine
Pays Tribute

LONDON, May 10 (British Wireless).—A message to Finland from Sir Walter Citrine, President of the International Federation of Trade Unions, was broadcast in the Finnish news bulletin by the BBC, this evening on the occasion of the new Finnish national festival—the day of heroes.

Sir Walter, who led the British Labour delegation to Finland during the Russo-Finnish war, said the Finnish people's fortitude and courage in the dark days when they faced the aggressor would remain with him as an unforgettable memory.

Finland's Inspiration

"Since you made your brave stand against a mighty foe, other small nations have been overwhelmed but your struggle and theirs is our law and your example is our strongest inspiration."

"To-day the united strength of the Allied democratic nations has been mobilised and our Army, Navy and Air Forces are at this hour engaged in gigantic battle to stem the advance of the aggressor power. We are gathering all our resources to bring to a standstill the deadly attack of the Nazi mechanised forces and to continue the war with our utmost strength until that power is overthrown and until the nations it has ravaged are once more free."

STRICT CONTROL OF INDUSTRY

Churchill's Oblique Reference

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Parliamentary correspondent states that Mr. Churchill's declaration that considerations of private property will not be allowed to stand in the way of the Government's policy is believed in political circles to foreshadow far stricter control by Government over industry than is exercised now.

It is thought likely that the State will take control of a large number of privately-owned factories producing war equipment in order to intensify production.

It is thought that a decision on this point is probable soon.

Canada To Speed Up War Effort

OTTAWA, May 10 (Reuter).—It is expected that Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast will result in renewed demands for increased speed in Canada's war effort, criticism of which is becoming widespread.

The general public demands immediate acceleration of air training and plane production.

Netherlands Overridden

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, May 10 (Domei).—With the evacuation of Zealand Province by the Dutch troops, the entire Netherlands have now been occupied by the Germans.

JAPANESE RAIDS IN SZECHUAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, May 20 (UP).—Six batches of Japanese planes last night bombarded cities and towns throughout Szechuan Province.

Chengtu was bombed. The air raid alarm lasted for six hours in Chungking, the All Clear sirens being sounded at 2 a.m. with out any appearance of the raiders.

BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY MOVES

PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—It is reported from Le Havre that the Belgian Royal family will shortly arrive at Sainte Adresse, a suburb of Le Havre, which was officially the Belgian capital during the greater part of the last war.

NIGHT RAID ON OSTEND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 10 (Domei).—The German Air Force launched an all-night air raid on Ostend last night. Ostend is the temporary seat of the Belgian Government.

NAZI OPERATES SECRET RADIO

BUENOS AIRES, May 10 (Reuter).—A secret radio transmitter operated by a German has been seized by the Argentinian authorities at Campana, 50 miles north-west of Buenos Aires.

The authorities are also looking for another transmitter.

EX-KAISER STILL AT DOORN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
DOORN, May 20 (Domei).—Contrary to earlier reports, the ex-Kaiser is still in Doorn.

Hitler has assigned a special detachment of his personal bodyguard to replace the Dutch gendarmes who were assigned for the protection of the ex-Kaiser.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

A quiet morning, though a few bargains were recorded at what may ultimately prove attractive to the buyers.

Sellers	Buyers
11K. Banks	\$1,350
Union Bank (Cuba)	840
Bank of Rio (Cuba)	821
Dock Bts.	80 1/2
Lands	833
Realities	\$4,420
Shanghai Lights (Old)	87 1/2
China Lights (New)	84 1/2

—More than 300 bombs were dropped on oil depots in Bremen. A direct hit on a large petrol storage tank resulted in a terrific explosion, from which vast sheets of flame shot up to a height of nearly 2,000 feet, and a pall of smoke like a "huge black mushroom" spread over the town.

Hamburg oil depots were bombed from 10 p.m. on Friday till dawn on Saturday. In the course of these attacks, the explosion of a salvo of heavy bombs was followed by a terrific gush of flame and an outburst of fire that was visible from as far away as Cuxhaven.

Other petrol depots in the area, some of which were first located by the aid of parachute flares, were attacked with equally evident result.

Fires started with incendiary bombs were seen to spread rapidly and helped to guide the following aircraft to complete the destruction of the targets.

Vast Clouds Of Smoke

Vast clouds of acrid black smoke, certain proof of the oil-fed character of the raging fires, were rolling slowly over the area as the last of the raiders left Hamburg.

Other sections of the large bombing force were meanwhile attacking enemy aerodromes and lines of communication over wide areas.

Heavy damage was done to road and rail bridges across the Meuse and in the occupied areas in Belgium and France.

No casualties were incurred by the British bomber crews and all aircraft engaged in the night's extensive operations returned safely.

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SPLENDID ACTIONS

Nazis Harassed By British Bombers

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that a formation of our bomber aircraft carried out extensive operations in Belgium and France with the object of harassing the lines of communication of the German advance and to relieve the pressure on the Allied armies.

Our fighter aircraft, patrolling in their support, have accounted for a large number of enemy aircraft of all types.

From preliminary reports received relating to a part only of our fighter activities, it is known that at least 20 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Harassing operations were continued during the night by heavy bomber formations.

In southern Belgium, bridges were troop concentrations broken up and roads blocked.

Raids On Germany

Simultaneously other formations of night bombers penetrated into Germany where direct hits were made on oil fuel tanks in Hanover.

At other points, railway junctions

sidings suffered considerable damage.

All night a continuous watch was kept on military traffic over a wide area in western Germany and an offensive action was taken against enemy movements.

Rail and road communications were attacked. At one point, a heavy explosion was caused.

At another, aerodrome buildings were set on fire.

Night Operations

Hudson aircraft also carried out successful night operations. They caused further damage to oil fuel tanks in Hamburg and Bremen.

Two Blenheim aircraft, patrolling off the Dutch coast, encountered a formation of three Heinkel 110's and three Messerschmitt 110's.

They immediately attacked and shot down two Messerschmitts.

An Air Ministry bulletin states that during offensive patrols by our Air Force fighters over France and Belgium yesterday, one patrol of five Hurricanes shot down at least three and probably six German Heinkel 111's near Brussels.

A second and larger patrol encountered only two enemy aircraft, one of which, a Heinkel 111, is believed to have been shot down.

Oil Dumps Destroyed

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Details of air force operations on Friday night show that the area of the raids extended from Hamburg in the north to Sedan in the south.

Extensive damage was done to German oil depots in Bremen and Hamburg.

Enemy aerodromes, road columns, and road and rail junctions were bombed.

—More than 300 bombs were dropped on oil depots in Bremen. A direct hit on a large petrol storage tank resulted in a terrific explosion, from which vast sheets of flame shot up to a height of nearly 2,000 feet, and a pall of smoke like a "huge black mushroom" spread over the town.

Hamburg oil depots were bombed from 10 p.m. on Friday till dawn on Saturday. In the course of these attacks, the explosion of a salvo of heavy bombs was followed by a terrific gush of flame and an outburst of fire that was visible from as far away as Cuxhaven.

Other petrol depots in the area, some of which were first located by the aid of parachute flares, were attacked with equally evident result.

Fires started with incendiary bombs were seen to spread rapidly and helped to guide the following aircraft to complete the destruction of the targets.

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NAZIS ON DEFENSIVE

HISTORIC BATTLE OF THE TANKS IN OISE VALLEY ENDS IN FRENCH VICTORY: LE CATEAU RE-CAPTURED

GREAT COUNTER-ATTACK BY ALLIES DEVELOPS: IMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

By MILES HANDLER

(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, May 20 (UP).—THE GREAT ALLIED COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST THE POSITIONS GAINED BY THE GERMANS IN THEIR INITIAL SUCCESS IS NOW IN FULL SWING ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT, AND THE GERMANS ARE EVERYWHERE ON THE DEFENSIVE.

The French forces are attacking in the St. Quentin sector, scene of the great battles which cost the Germans the war in 1918, with all the forces at their disposal.

NAZIS STONE-WALLED

The only attack of any magnitude launched by the Germans is in the Malmedy sector, where the invaders have been trying fruitlessly for 96 hours to break the French lines in an effort to flank the Maginot Line.

Hitler Orders Dismemberment Of Belgium

SEYSS-INQUART AS NEW GAULIETER

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter).—The official German news agency states that Hitler has appointed Dr. Seyss-Inquart as the Reich's Commissioner for the occupied Dutch areas.

Hitler has decreed the incorporation of the Belgian regions of Eupen, Malmedy and Moresnet in the German Reich.

The official German news agency says that Dr. Seyss-Inquart is charged with the task of "maintaining public order and public life in the Dutch districts occupied by German troops."

Supreme Authority
"Under Hitler's direction, Dr. Seyss-Inquart will have supreme authority over the Dutch civilian population."

Supreme military rights will continue to be exercised by German military commanders in the Netherlands, who have the right to order any measures necessary for the execution of military order and security.

"The existing laws in the Netherlands will remain in force as far as compatible with the occupation."

The Puppet's Career

(Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart is the Austrian Nazi who helped Hitler to occupy Austria in 1938. At the momentous interview at Berchtesgaden, Hitler told Schuschnigg that he must make Seyss-Inquart Minister of the Interior with full charge of the Austrian Police. When Schuschnigg later resigned, Seyss-Inquart was appointed Chancellor by Hitler, and it was he who provided the pretext for the German invasion by making, obviously on Hitler's instructions, for German troops "to maintain order." His Chancellorship lasted only a few days. For Austria was declared a province of Germany and he was made its Governor.)

Denied Fruits Of Victory

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—In the organized withdrawal in northern Belgium, Allied forces are reported to have destroyed all important military works.

In Zealand, all military and naval works were destroyed by the Dutch, including those at the important port of Flushing.

The Dutch also destroyed all petrol and reservoirs in the naval dockyards.

The Dutch contingents now left in Zealand are continuing to fight at the side of the Allies.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Ministers and the Defence Chiefs met for nearly an hour and a half at No. 10 Downing Street to-day.

100,000 KILLED IN ROTTERDAM

Terrible Toll In German Air Raids

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—According to a communiqué issued by the Dutch Legation here-to-night, at least 100,000 people were killed and one third of the city destroyed when the Germans bombed Rotterdam.

Two squadrons of German bombers flew over the city in close formation, dropping delayed action bombs that "ploughed a veritable furrow of destruction."

The bombs, weighing 2,000 pounds, were dropped from a height of 4,500 feet.

After passing over the town once, the planes returned and repeated the operation again and again.

Dante's Inferno

Scenes reminiscent of Dante's inferno ensued, with fire and explosions everywhere.

Houses and buildings over an area of 15 to 20 square kilometers one third of Rotterdam—were completely destroyed.

According to a moderate estimate, at least 100,000 people must have perished in this "monstrous work of destruction, heralding as a nightmare and absolutely without precedent."

BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY MOVES

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—It is reported from Le Havre that the Belgian Royal family will shortly arrive at Saint's Address, a suburb of Havre, which was officially the Belgian capital during the greater part of the last war.

The Belgian King, Prince of Orange, and his family, who have been in exile since 1914, will be received by the French government.



GENERAL WEYGAND

Weygand Becomes Military Dictator

Appointed Head Of All The Allied Forces

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, former French Chief of Staff, and lately Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in the Middle East, has been appointed Command-in-Chief of all theatres of war.

A great strategist, General Weygand has been responsible for the organisation of the great Allied army now in the Middle East.

Tank Attacks

Furious fighting is now taking place between Landrecies and Acre, where the French are still pressing the Germans strongly.

Wave after wave of tank attacks have been delivered by the Germans in the Oise Canal region, where the Nazi High Command is attempting to retain the territory lost yesterday.

Each wave of German attack is being met by French mechanised counter attacks and artillery barrages on a really colossal scale.

The fighting in the sector is described by the spokesman as being a "continuous and furious melee."

The Germans are completely at a standstill in the Sedan and Reims sectors.

The spokesman added: "The Allies are continuing their strategic retirement from Belgium."

German Claims

Meanwhile, German High Command communiques still issue fantastic claims, most of which are disproved by the fact that neutral correspondents are telegraphing the dispatches from towns claimed by the Germans to be in their hands.

One German claim states that the Nazi vanguard is now only 32 miles from Paris.

The Germans, apparently unaware of the strategic Allied retreat from Belgium, claim to be "advancing rapidly" in the Lowlands.

German forces operating from Holland have crossed the River Scheldt and have reached the Denber-Monde sector.

Galant Liege And Namur

No mention is made in the German communiques of Liege or Namur, where the heroic Belgian garrisons are still holding out after ten days of continuous bombing.

The Nazi communiques claim to have captured a total of 110,000 Allied prisoners.

The Belgian King, Prince of Orange, has totalled 1,000,000 men. If the Germans claim only 110,000 prisoners, almost all of the Belgian Army, at least, must be intact. — Ed.

NAZIS CLEARED FROM OISE AS MECHANISED UNITS ARE DECIMATED

By RALPH HEINZEN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, MAY 19 (UP).—WHILE THE FRENCH ARMIES WERE SUCCESSFULLY HOLDING THE GERMAN LEFT FLANK WHICH YESTERDAY SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PUSH EASTWARDS IN AN EFFORT TO DRIVE BEHIND THE TRUE MAGINOT LINES, FRENCH TANK CORPS WENT INTO ACTION LAST NIGHT ALONG THE SAMBRE RIVER TO THE OISE CANAL, ON THE HOT PLAINS OF PICARDY.

In a smashing battle of tanks against tanks, the German drive to the west and south-west was completely checked.

NINE MILES REGAINED

In subsequent counter-attacks, which the French were quick to deliver following their initial success, the French threw the enemy back nine miles, re-capturing Le Cateau and Landrecies to hold both banks of the Oise River between Maubeuge and St. Quentin.

Fifty miles from their bases of supply—the German advance motorised columns were soon in difficulty under the intense French counter-attacks and, generally, the entire German drive was at midnight marking time with slight losses of previously conquered terrain.

Simultaneously, both the British and French were throwing into the counter-attack fresh divisions which had been spared for such a task by the shortening of the lines consequent upon the strategic retreat out of the theatre of war.

A great strategist, General Weygand has been responsible for the organisation of the great Allied army now in the Middle East.

Brilliant Strategist

During the last war, he was Marshal Foch's Chief of Staff and proved himself an ideal officer. He possesses, not only an amazing memory and mastery of detail, but strength of character and initiative.

He served on the Yser, in Artois and during the battle of the Somme. He helped to plan the Allied assistance to Italy and took part in the counter-attack there, returning to aid Marshal Foch, then Generalissimo of the Allied Armies, in the final year of the war.

After the war was over, he was sent to Poland to assist the Poles against the Bolsheviks, who had almost reached the gates of Warsaw. His counter-stroke, delivered in August, 1920, is regarded by many experts as a finer example of generalship than almost any given during the World War.

The German tanks were smashed by artillery fire at point blank range. Then, through the carnage of twisted steel and shattered bodies, the French poured their own tanks into battle and destroy two columns of German motorised infantry which were closely following behind the tanks in open motor trucks.

The German infantry, no longer protected by a vanguard of tanks, was simply decimated by the French tanks.

The elimination of these columns forced the Germans to withdraw from Le Cateau across the Oise Canal and back through Landrecies to the first retreat the Germans have made thus far.

Polish Tactics

The French threw big and little tanks into the battle.

The Germans have continued throughout the same tactics they used in Poland—tanks preceding long columns of infantry carried into battle on rubber tyres.

Against such a steel wall there is only one answer—more tanks.

After the French anti-tank mines had been blown up, destroying in the process scores of German machine guns, there were no more mines planted to halt the second wave of attack.

Alignment Of Steel

French tanks and 75 mm. field guns therefore formed a solid alignment of steel, creating a wall fire so intense that the Germans were unable to penetrate.

Engagements of this nature were the fiercest thing ever witnessed by mankind, the great tank to tank fights taking place without halt for

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PERFECT RETREAT FROM BELGIUM

By RALPH HEINZEN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, May 20 (UP).—As the great Battle of the Tanks nears its decisive climax this morning, the official French analyst of the military informations told me:

"The situation has lost none of its gravity."

"But the Allies have been able to take advantage of the pause in the German advance to regroup the units which were scattered by the speed and severe impact of the German drive."

"It can now be considered that the effect that has lasted for three days completely to surround the German pocket has been successfully completed."

Perfect Retreat

"At the same time the Allies have completed their strategic retreat through Belgium, which although presenting the Germans with a large tract of Belgian territory has had the effect of reducing the salient caused by the German drive."

The retreat of the Allied left wing from Belgium appears to have been perfectly executed, and the Allied

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BATTLE FOR AIR SUPREMACY

Dramatic Phase Of West Front Fighting

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—

—Every report of last week's fighting in France and the Lowlands has spoken of the importance of air power on land operations, comments an air observer.

No one knows better than the man in the air of the aid that can be given to the man on the ground.

The Germans have been using their air power to an extent never visualised before. They are seeking to muffle their troops with bombs while launching fighters at our bombers.

The elimination of these columns forced the Germans to withdraw from Le Cateau across the Oise Canal and back through Landrecies to the first retreat the Germans have made thus far.

The British and French aircraft facing them.

Every movement on the ground, he said, was linked up with air force failures or successes. It was worth noting that the French air force works as closely with the R.A.F. as do the two armies on the ground.

A complete picture cannot be drawn for some time to come of this hurricane speed war. But certain inferences can be drawn.

Allied Casualties

During the day we have kept up the bombing of German troops, tanks, communications, and communications. This has caused us casualties. We have not on

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LATEST

1,000 GUNS IN ACTION

NEW YORK, May 20 (Dow).—Reports on the military developments in northern France say that the French have rushed one thousand 3-inch guns to the Meuse salient to combat the 30 and 70 ton tanks of the German Army which form the spearhead of the German mechanised attack.

VOLUNTEERS FROM D.E.I.

SINGAPORE, May 20 (UP).—Reports from Batavia state that an Expeditionary Legion has been despatched from the Dutch East Indies for Europe.

Hundreds of volunteers have joined the Legion, a stop hitherto not permitted because it would weaken the defence of the Indies.

First, air lessons have replaced German lessons in the schools.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

Plane Attacks Refugees

But Is Shot Down In Flames

LONDON, May 19 (British Wires)—A German aircraft which attempted to bomb a steamer carrying over 700 refugees to England from Belgium was shot down in flames by anti-aircraft fire from the ship.

The story of the attack, and the bringing down of the raider which took place early on Saturday evening when the steamer was in the North Sea was told to-day when the refugees, the majority of whom were women and children, landed at a Channel port.

Two planes attacked the steamer and five bombs were dropped. All fortunately missed their mark.

The gun on the steamer fired many rounds and one of the bombers was seen to be hit when at about 1,000 feet. The plane burst into flames and crashed into the sea. The second machine then turned tail.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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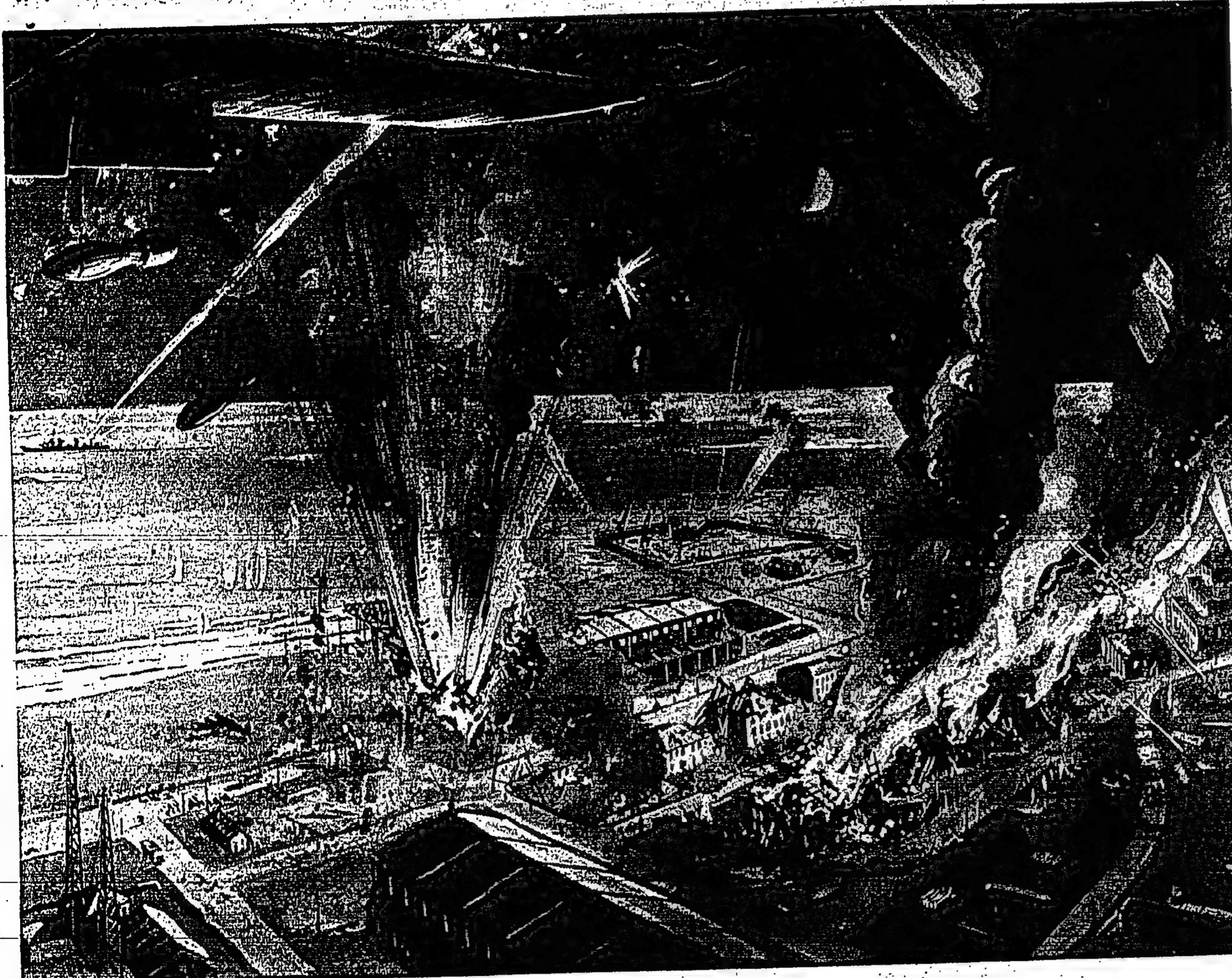
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AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF AN R.A.F. RAID ON GERMANY



RUMANIAN NEWS REEL



RUMANIA is perhaps the richest prize in Europe for Hitler's armies if they can force their way into the country. There are several ways in, as shown on the map, but one in, the Carpathians stand like a wall, thousands of feet high protecting the oil and petrol deposits of the south-east districts. There is also the possibility of an invasion across the Danubian plains, and rumours of a fantastic nature are already reaching us that the Germans may go down the Danube in barges to make a landing.

The points on the frontiers over which invading armies might come are marked on the map by arrows (German, black; Russian, scored).

There are over three-quarters of a million Germans (Saxons and Swabians) living in Rumania. The younger generation has been well inoculated with insidious Nazi propaganda.

Rumania's greatest danger is her uncertain minority situation. The vast discontented Hungarian population of Transylvania, the equally unhappy Bulgars of the Dobrogea, and the Russians of Bessarabia, whose aspirations are not politically serious, are three sources of possible menace.

King Carol made several big tours of the frontier areas in Bessarabia and Transylvania and also in the German districts this January. He was warmly received wherever he went, but the Germans in Bucharest openly ridicule the idea that the minorities would be faithful to him in time of war.

The internal politics of Rumania during the past few years have been bewilderingly uncertain. One Prime Minister has followed another; one followed the coffin of his predecessor when M. Calinescu was murdered by the Iron Guard. It has never yet been established whether or not the Germans were responsible for this assassination.

The Rumanians are a proud, hospitable, patriotic and brave people, with great aspirations and an infinite capacity for intrigue. If Hitler tries to take their country he will not find them asleep or afraid. They have been waiting for him for years with 1,800,000 men, well equipped and in good heart.



This map shows the location in Rumania of the different racial minorities.

This map shows what Rumania would become if the minority claims against her were conceded.

Spotting the Rank

MAJOR-GENERAL

A Major-General commands a Division and holds direct appointments on headquarters staff. The rank was originally Sergeant-Major-General, hence the fact that it ranks below that of a Lieutenant-General.

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Netherlands Overridden

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BERLIN, May 19 (Dow) (Special to the "Telegraph")

By the Dutch troops the entire Netherlands have now been occupied by the Germans.

NAZI OPERATES SECRET RADIO

BUENOS AIRES, May 19 (Reuters) — A secret radio transmitter operated by a German has been seized by the Argentinian authorities at Campina, 50 miles north-west of Buenos Aires.

The authorities are also looking for another transmitter.

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B.E.F. Man Finds His French Bride (Telegram Went Astray)

FAMED RUGBY PLAYER KILLED



PRINCE ALEXANDER OBOLENSKY, the English Rugby International, who was a pilot officer in the R.A.F., was killed in a plane accident at an East Anglian aerodrome.

When he was landing his plane hit an obstruction and turned upside down.

HIS BROTHER CO-RESPONDENT

A BROTHER cited his own brother as co-respondent in the Divorce Court recently.

He was Mr. Reginald Malcolm Burge, of Brockwell Court, Brixton, S.W., and he cited his brother, Mr. Edward Burge.

He was granted a decree nisi, with costs, on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hilda Burge.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Burge married in 1929. They lived in London hotels and in Paris.

The case for Mr. Burge was that his wife left him in 1937, and he alleged that she and his brother afterwards committed adultery.

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT WILLIAM DENECKER and his 32-year-old French bride has been reunited.

A telegram that went astray had caused them a lot of trouble.

Denecker is in the Royal Army Service Corps, and went to France with the B.E.F. soon after war began. He was married in February and not long afterwards was ordered back to England.

Mrs. Denecker arrived at Folkestone to join him.

First Visit

It was her first visit to England—and she cannot speak English.

No one was there to meet her because a telegram sent to tell her husband of her arrival went astray.

After their reunion, Denecker explained: "I had been moved to another station so the telegram never reached me.

"Later I found that my wife was somewhere in England.

"At first my efforts to trace her failed. Then I found that she was in Folkestone.

"She thought that probably I had returned to France and she decided to go back, too.

"So she was waiting for an exit permit.

"We're both very happy now."

Mrs. Denecker was the first bride of a member of the British Expeditionary Force.

MADAME KUNG ENTERTAINS

Madame H. H. Kung, wife of the Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, who is Hon. Chairman of the Hongkong Committee of the "Friends of the Wounded" movement, entertained local Chinese women leaders at her residence yesterday, says "Central News."

Matters relating to the "Friends of the Wounded" campaign in Hongkong, which will shortly be brought to conclusion, were discussed. In the course of a brief address, Madame Kung enjoined those present to continue their efforts.

Prominent among those present were Madame Sun Yat-sen, Madame Sun Fo, and the Misses Hu Mu-jin, Ma Fung-chi, Wu Yen-chwang, Liao Mong-sing and Tien Yuan-chun.



THESE amazing pictures of the last minutes of a Nazi submarine were taken by the crew of an R.A.F. plane as they sank it.

Their bombs were actually in the air as they snapped the top picture. In the bottom one you see the disturbed water which was all there was to show the fate of the U-boat after the bombs had done their work.

You read in yesterday's "Daily Herald" an outline of the R.A.F. men's exploit, carried out near Wilhelmshaven on Monday. Here is the crew's own story:

"We were on reconnaissance over the Helgoland Bight, and when the submarine was seen it was moving on the surface only a few miles from the shore," said the bomber's captain.

"We had to act quickly or the submarine might have crash-dived, and

got away. We dropped our bombs. My first impression was that they had fallen short, but the corporal air gunner shouted excitedly through the inter-communication set, 'A direct hit, sir.'

"Putting the aircraft into a sharp turn I brought it round in time to be able to see the stern and bow sticking up out of the water. The submarine must have been split in two.

The corporal air gunner said: "I was looking down at the submarine as we were passing over it. After we had dropped our bombs I saw two parts of the vessel sticking up out of the water. All I could see in between was a white patch of disturbed water. Then oil began to spread over the surface of the sea. Finally, first one part then the other disappeared as though they had gone down separately."

White man at native camp 'broke trust'

OUT in Sierra Leone, British colony on the West African coast, Donald Harold Hutter, aged twenty-four, had charge of a native camp and a diamond mine.

He was the only white man within seven miles. In London—at the Old Bailey—he was sent to prison for fifteen months for possessing 1,224 uncut diamonds worth £15,000, knowing them to have been stolen.

And Judge Beasley said to him: "In addition to stealing a large quantity of diamonds you broke a great trust—the trust reposed in you as the only white man in a camp and in charge of a mine. You set a shocking example to the natives under you."

Hutter admitted stealing the diamonds, and said he stole them because he heard by cable from England that his wife—whom he had married two years previously—was ill in hospital and had no money to pay bills.

Said He Was Single
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1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, Frances Day, Bing Crosby and Others.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children" Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Jubilee Music Hall Parade 1910-1935.

6.52 Ketelbey—in A Fairy Realm Suite.

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra conducted by the Composer.

7.05 Variety with Frank Crumit, Hildegarde and Sydney Torch.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.02 Two Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).

"Werther"—O Nature, Full of Grace (Mozart), "The Damnation of Faust"—O Vast Nature (Berlioz), Sung in French with Orchestra.

10.10 Berlin Symphony Fan-tas-tique, Op. 14.

Orchestra De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire cond. Bruno Walter.

11.0 Close down.

American Seaman Misses His Ship

William Lawson, Smyly, an American seaman, appeared before Mr. E. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning, charged with entering the Colony without a passport and being a vagrant.

Smyly was committed to the House of Detention.

It was said defendant was found in Peking Road on May 12, under the influence of drink.

Smyly said he missed his ship and was left in the Colony without his papers which were on board ship. He was told that the agents of his ship would be contacted and in the meantime he would be detained.

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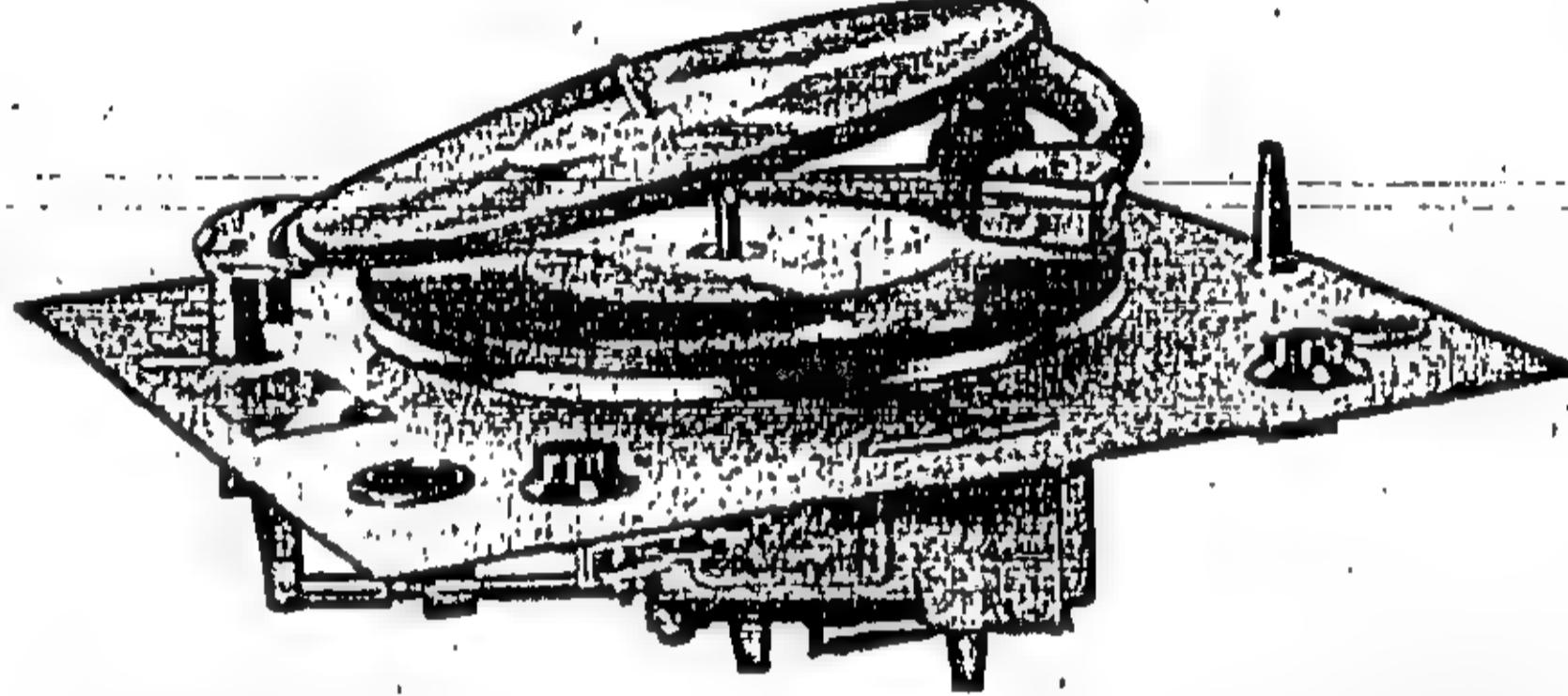
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Aesthetic Cricket

Why is it, inquires C. B. Fry, the English athlete, that more than all other games, cricket appeals to the imagination of artists in all walks of life in Great Britain? Football is more popular with the masses. Golf has a greater hold upon the wealthy. Real tennis has a longer and more royal lineage. Yet it is cricket, Englishmen love to point out, and none of these other games, that links together such diverse people as Clifford Bax and Sir James Barrie, Sir John Squire and Andrew Lang, Alec Waugh and C. Aubrey Smith (of Cambridge and Hollywood).

Mr. Fry suggests that there is a mystery in the art of hitting a ball with a bat that eludes even the greatest of cricketers, and fascinates men of letters. Mr. Fry is sometimes called the finest all-round athlete that England ever produced. He is one of the few amateurs who have ever played in a professional football cup final. Even so, there will be found some who disagree with his explanation.

For the best writing about cricket is not to be discovered in technical discussions about the niceties of play. It is found in poems and essays and stories that are drenched in the peculiarly gentle, peaceful, gracious atmosphere of the game, on summer afternoons when the sun throws long shadows across the green, and the chime of the church clock and the murmur of trees in the breeze are the only sounds that break the stillness except for the quiet regular knock of bat on ball. Cricket, many people will maintain, is the most literary of games simply because it is the most aesthetic.



MADAME ADOLF: "Confidentially, my dear, I agree with you. But why not walk out with him and see how you get along?"

**THIS SONG CHANGED
YOUR LIFE****By****Philip Jordan**

obscure and as unimportant as his end. All that matters to us is that he stepped out of a dinner party in Strasbourg on April 25, 1792, with an idea in his head; and that the next day he returned to that same party with immortality upon his brow.

Bent over their vines, those who heard the man singing let their hands fall and remained bent as though in prayer, for the majestic song of that evening was to be the doom of kings and autocracies and the birth of freedom too.

The western sun threw their long shadows in the direction of Prussia, against whom even now the armies of France were marching; and over the brow of the hill, to the south of them, black against the pale sky of the evening, came the uplifted weapons of rude men crusading for liberty.

The irresistible song which they sang foamed down the valley, and although only the sound and no words reached the peasants, the message was understood.

LIBERTY was on the march; and its feet moved to the tune of "The War Song of the Army of the Rhine." Later generations were to call it "La Marseillaise."

The man who wrote that song necessary as on that first died of an illness which he miraculous morning when its caught in the dampness of a notes, floating from the prison cell for debtors; but it dows of Mayor Dietrich's house is we who are his debtors, for in Strasbourg, lit up the hearts the song which he wrote knit of those who passed along the together the scattered forces streets beneath.

The French Revolution rode from them that was to scour the world and endure for all its measure in 1848! Liberal Europe slammed doors on the

FACTS

Just over one hundred years ago died Rouget de Lisle, composer of "Marseillaise," war hymn of French Revolution. Himself a Royalist, writing in hatred of German threat to his country, his song quickly became manifesto of revolutionists and Napoleonic armies.

Banned under Second Empire. Adopted as official anthem by Third Republic.

British political songs: "Lilli-bul-ero" used against James II., "Tipperary" in Great War.

world's first Soviet Government, those two Albert Memorials of the Paris Commune of shining music: for more than four years memory; and in 1917, from the a-song called "It's a Long Way satin nest of the fugitive ball to Tipperary" was often the lerina Krupskaya, mistress of last sound to beat upon the ear the Tsar; its notes smashed into drums of riven men as they drowned in their own blood; and it cheered them to the end of all things which they had cherished in their short lives. But now it is only a memory.

Since the day the Marseillaise was first sung, history, whenever it has turned a corner, has marched to its tune, for Citizen de Lisle invested with plumes and baldric the tattered demonions of revolt who fight blindly for something whose importance they feel but can hardly understand. His song is the gay uniform of revolution.

Indeed, the songs that men sing win their battles for them, for the flowered pattern of emotion is more potent than the austerity of intellectual planning; and song has raised up the common man as sycophancy has exalted the aristocrat.

Men who will not die for impeccable statistics will fall gladly for an untruth if it be set to music.

HE has moved more men than Shakespeare moved, or Homer, or Goethe, perhaps as many as the Bible has moved; and where the influence of Rousseau or of Voltaire indirectly taught us to value freedom, he came out into the light of day and without so much as by-your-leave plucked greedily at the heartstrings of mankind and gave it self-respect.

Let his epitaph be not only his own hymn but also the words of the Victorian poet, O'Shunnessy:

One man with a dream, of pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer,
And three with a new song's
measure
Can trample a kingdom down.

OFFENSIVE WILL LOSE MOMENTUM

Allies In Position To Stop Nazis

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—Military observers here note that as time goes on, the German bounds forward, backed by heavy armoured columns, will become steadily less, both in width and depth.

"Le Temps" military critic, a retired general, writes: "The situation is still serious but it is to be believed that the High Command has the necessary means to check the new enemy drive along the Oise Valley.

"Reliable indications allow us to think that recovery is perfectly possible. The re-grouping recently mentioned in French communiques evidently enabled us to give our dispositions the depth which was at first lacking.

"Reserves must now cover and protect the dangerous penetrations."

Gen. Sikorski's Message

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—Broadcasting to the Polish nation, General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, said that he was speaking at a particularly grave moment.

He added: "We are only in the first phase of a great battle which may have many varying fortunes. It would be as dangerous to exaggerate the significance of local success as to exaggerate provisional retirement.

"Victory will be, as always, the result of moral and material superiority. These two factors the Allies both possess.

"Thus calmly with resolution and steadfast faith, we must await victory in the struggle."

Avalanche Of Steel & Fire

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—In a message to the Polish nation to-day, General Sikorski said that the battle for which they had been waiting was now being fought in Belgium and partly on French territory.

The Allied armies, he said, were opposing on avalanche of steel and fire.

Behind them were the wealth of their countries and Empires.

What struck him more than anything else, however, was the deep sense of patriotism they have.

This was only the first phase of a great battle which would fluctuate one way or another. It would be as erroneous to exaggerate the significance of local success as it would be to exaggerate that of provisional retirement.

SUPREME TEST

British Press And The "Blitzkrieg"

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—It is the supreme testing time.

That is the consensus of opinion during the week-end of British newspapers. There is general agreement that while the situation is crucial because of Germany's years of preparation, the whole Nazi regime is now being tried in the fire. For Hitler, it is now or never, domination or defeat.

Nazis Staking Everything

It seems impossible that we have four years of war before us, says the "Spectator." Germany is staking everything on a concentrated assault. We may have to give ground for a time. We have the power to endure but we will need all of it.

Commander Stephen King-Hall, in his weekly newsletter, deals with a question many are asking. Why has Hitler not struck before?

It was known for certain, he writes, that Hitler believed that he could make peace after the conquest of Poland. When that failed, he wanted to launch a "Blitzkrieg" in November, but his generals persuaded him to hold his hands.

They hoped that U-boats, aircraft and mines might be successful against Britain's sea communications. They hoped by skillful propaganda to detach France from Britain.

Hitler's Wrong Choice

By the spring of 1940, it was evident that these hopes had been in vain.

Hitler had to make up his mind to choose one of two courses: remain on a defensive stale of siege or launch a general offensive in the hope of winning the war this year.

He has chosen the latter and has chosen badly, says commander King-Hall. It would have been the correct course in September, 1939.

Our minds, resolution and courage must be of the quality of granite const.

We Are Ready

The "Economist" says that there is no reason for optimism—because the stakes are high. But while we are waiting for the great clash that is coming, we can reflect that our position is more favourable than in 1914. We are ready.

The Catholic weekly, "Tablet," looks into the future. We are watching the disappearance of the whole order of Nazism, it says. A Europe restored will be a Europe united. The dream of centuries of an absolute sovereign independence must yield to something bigger and stronger. The first links are already in existence between Britain and France. They will have to be extended.

Mr. F. A. Fowler, of Nathan Road, reports that while he was in Mr. Dunnett's house in Hankow Road, he was bitten in the face by a dog. He was treated in the Kowloon Hospital, and the animal was taken to Matukok for observation.

"It Would Be Foolish to Disguise Gravity of Hour"

MASTERY CAN BE GAINED ONLY BY FURIOUS AND UNRELENTING ASSAULT

—Churchill

Premier Warns Britain That Full Force Of Germany Will Soon Be Turned On Island

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Broadcasting at 8 p.m. to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill said: "I speak to you for the first time as Prime Minister in this solemn hour in the life of our country and Empire and of our Allies and, above all, in the cause of freedom.

RAVAGING OPEN COUNTRY

"A tremendous battle is raging in France and Flanders. The Germans, by a remarkable combination of air bombing and heavily armoured tanks have broken through the French defences, north of the Maginot Line. Strong columns of their armoured vehicles are ravaging open country which, for the first day or two, was without defenders.

"They have penetrated deeply and spread alarm and confusion in their track.

"Behind them are now pouring their infantry in lorries and behind them again large masses are moving forward.

"The re-groupment of the French armies to make a head against, and also to strike at this intruding wedge, has been proceeding over several days. They have been largely assisted by the magnificent feats of the R.A.F.

Must Not Be Intimidated

"We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by the presence of these armoured vehicles in unexpected places behind our lines.

"If they are behind our front the French are also at many points fighting behind theirs.

"Both sides are in extremely dangerous positions and if the French Army and our Army are well handled, as I believe they will be, if the French retain that genius for recovery and counter-attack for which they have so long been famous, and if the British Army shows that dogged endurance in fighting power of which there have been so many examples in the past, then a sudden transformation of the scene might spring into being.

Gravity Of The Hour

"It would be foolish to disguise the gravity of the hour.

"It would be still more foolish to lose heart and courage or to suppose that our well-trained—and well-equipped armies, numbering three to four millions, could be overcome within the space of a few weeks or even a few months by a scoop or raid of mechanised vehicles, however formidable.

"We may look forward with confidence to the stabilisation of the front in France and the general engagement of the masses will enable the qualities of the French and British soldiers to be matched squarely against those of their adversaries.

"For myself, I have invincible confidence in the French Army and its leaders. It is only a very small part of that Army that has been heavily engaged and only a very small part of France has yet been invaded.

"There is good evidence to show that practically the whole of the specialised and mechanised forces of the enemy have already been thrown into battle. We know that heavy losses have been inflicted on them.

The Only Way To Master

"No officer or man, no brigade or division which grapples at close quarters with the enemy wherever encountered can fail to give worthy contribution to the general results.

"The armies must cast away the idea of realising the attack behind concrete lines or natural obstacles and must realise that mastery can only be gained by furious and unrelenting assault.

"And this spirit must not only animate the High Command but must inspire every fighting man.

"In the air, even at serious odds or even at odds which up to now have been thought overwhelming, we have been slaving down three or four planes to one of our own and the relative balance of the British and German Air Forces has now become considerably more favourable to us than at the beginning of the war.

"In cutting down the German bombers we are fighting our own battles as well as those of France.

Ability To Beat Nazis

"My confidence in our ability to fight it out to a finish with the German Air Force has been strengthened by the fierce encounters which have taken place and are taking place.

"At the same time our heavy bombers are striking at the root of the German mechanised power and have already inflicted serious damage on oil refineries upon which the Nazi effort to dominate the world directly depends.

"We must expect that as soon as stability has been reached on the Western Front, the bulk of that force which gashed Holland into ruin and smoke in a few days will be turned upon us.

"I am sure I speak for all when I say that we are ready to face it and endure, and to retaliate against it to any extent that the unwritten laws of war permit.

British The Next Victim

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister is expected to make a statement on the latest developments on the Western Front when the

Hitler Waging Cruellest War In Centuries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 19 (UP).—Mr. Henry Luce, the Editor of the famous American News-Magazine "Time," was among the refugees from Brussels who passed through Paris to-day.

Prior to his departure for Lisbon, where he will connect with trans-Atlantic Clipper for home, Mr. Luce gave an interview to Herbert King, "United Press" staff correspondent in Paris.

In his interview he insisted in strong terms that if the United States is to escape the tragic fate facing hundreds of thousands of civilians in Europe to-day, it must be more united and more strongly armed than ever.

"Only a strong nation can make a free decision between war and peace," he said.

Must Win The War

"They increase our strength against the powerfully armed enemy and replace wastage—or obstinate struggle and the knowledge that the wastage will be speedily replaced enables us to draw more readily upon reserves and throw them in now when every thing means so much.

"Our task is not only to win the battle but to win the war.

"After this battle in France abates, its forces there will come to battle for our island, for all that Britain is and all that Britain means.

"That will be the struggle. "If that supreme emergency we shall not hesitate to take every step, even the most drastic, to call for the effort of which they are capable.

"Interest of property and hours of labour are nothing compared to the struggle for life and honour, for life and freedom to which we have vowed ourselves.

Sacred Pledges

"I received from the chiefs of the French Republic and particularly from the indomitable Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, the most sacred pledges that whatever happens they will fight to the end, be it bitter or glorious—nay, if we fight to an end it can only be glorious.

"Having received His Majesty's Commission, I have formed an Administration of men and women of every Party and almost every point of view.

"We have differed and quarrelled in the past, but now one bond unites us all; to wage war until victory is won and, never to surrender ourselves to servitude and shame at whatever cost and agony it may be.

"If this is one of the most awe-striking periods in the long history of France and Britain it is also beyond doubt the most sublime.

"Side by side, unaided except by their kin, and in the great Dominions and by the wide empires which rest beneath their shield, side by side the British and French people have advanced to rescue not only Europe but mankind from the foulest and most soul destroying tyranny that has ever darkened the stained pages of history.

The Message Of Trinity

"Behind them, behind us and behind the armies and fleets of Britain and France gather a group of shattered Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Danes, Dutch and Belgians—upon all of whom the long night of barbarism will descend, unbroken even by the star of hope, unless we conquer, as conquer we must and as conquer we shall."

"To-day is Trinity Sunday. Centuries ago words were written to be a call and a spur to the faithful scruples of truth and justice.

"Gird yourselves and be ye men of valour and be in readiness for the conflict, for it is better for us to perish in battle than to look upon the outrages of our nation and sit idle. As the will of God is in heaven, even so let Him do."

Commons Statement

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast was heard by radio listeners in the United States.

His ringing tones had a tonic effect on countless hearers throughout the country. His firm confidence in the French and British forces, his brief and incisive description of the battle now raging were a welcome antidote after the columns of depressing news printed throughout the country for the past week.

Observers see as the result of his insistence on the value of the assault an early Allied counter-offensive cutting off the "bulge."

They say the speech was not the speech of the leader of a desperate people, but a leader of knowledge, vision and action, who sees beyond the present dark days.

There is a general expression of opinion that Britain has found her real leader in Mr. Churchill.

EXTORTION ALLEGED

Two P.W.D. Foremen Charged To-day

How two foremen of the Public Works Department allegedly interfered with the work of a sub-contractor, engaged in constructing a reservoir in Pokfulam with a view to extorting a bribe from him was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Lt. Sing-lan, alias Charles Li, 28, and Li Yan-wah, 30, were charged with bribery.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and the following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. E. L. Hosie (Foreman), Li Iu-kou, Kwong Kok-yu, Ip Kwai-chung, Pun Shek-chun, F. G. M. da Costa and G. H. Horridge.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said accused were foremen of the Public Works Department and for some months past had been engaged in supervising work at Pokfulam where a new reservoir was being constructed. Their alleged victim was Chu Lam, a sub-contractor, who had been employed for laying concrete on the site.

When concrete was being laid, Mr. Murphy pointed out, Government foremen must be present to supervise the work, otherwise it could not be proceeded with.

Damanded \$40 A Month

On March 11 when Chu was paying his employees, accused came to him and demanded \$40 a month, threatening that if the money was not paid they would obstruct the work by coming late and leaving early. Chu replied that the money was too much, whereupon the first accused said: "If you don't pay we will hinder your work."

On the following day, both accused arrived at 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and left at 3.30 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m. As they were leaving, they told Chu that if he promised to pay them the money they would come to work at the proper time. Chu promised and on March 14 he gave \$20 to the first accused, who handed half the amount to the second. Another \$20 was paid on March 27.

Nothing further happened until April 16 when both accused again approached Chu for another \$40 for that month. Once more they threatened that if the money was not paid they would obstruct his work, and on the next two days they carried out the threat by coming late and leaving early.

Work Stopped

On April 13, not only did they arrive late but they actually stopped the work, saying that the money must first be paid. The engineer in charge happened to arrive on the scene on that day, and the accused spoke to him after which the work was resumed.

Accused continued to arrive late on the next day and again told Chu that concrete could not be laid until he paid the money. Chu then went to his solicitor and on his advice he reported the matter to the Police Inspector.

Inspector O'Donovan gave Chu four \$10 notes, after inquiring about them, and instructed two Chinese detectives to accompany him back to Pokfulam.

Shortly after noon, the first accused went to Chu's shed and asked if he had got the money. Chu handed him \$20 and the second accused then came in and made a similar demand. He also received \$20. Just then, the two detectives, who had been hiding behind the bed, got up and arrested both accused.

When formally charged, both accused said the money was for a loan and not a bribe.

The case is proceeding.

ITALY TO COME IN?

Frank Speech By Count Ciano

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

Rome, May 19 (UP).—Indicating clearly that Italy intends to plunge into the European war, Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, told 75,000 people in a speech at Milan to-day that the nation "cannot remain outside the vicissitude of Europe's shifting fate."

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE PROGRESSES

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CHAMPIONS RETAIN LEADERSHIP

Recreio "A" Beat K.B.G.C. By Three Shots' Margin

RECREIO "A", leaders of the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League, retained their leadership on Saturday by the narrow margin of three shots when they were opposed to the Kowloon B.G.C. The Indian R.C. suffered their third defeat, while Craigengower accounted for Recreio "B"—spoiling their 100 per cent record.

The scores in brief were:

FIRST DIVISION					
Kowloon B.G.C.	53	Recreio "A"	50		
Police	64	H.K.F.C.	47		
Kowloon Docks	50	Indian R.C.	49		
Recreio "B"	52	Craigengower	77		

SECOND DIVISION					
Craigengower	60	Kowloon	Tong	54	
Police	36	Kowloon		B.G.C.	68
Kowloon C.C.	44	Recreio		Indian R.C.	68
Hongkong F.C.	85	H.K.C.C.		Hongkong F.C.	43

THIRD DIVISION					
Indian R.C.	48	H.K. Electric	55		
Prison Officers	74	Craigengower	41		
Kowloon F.C.	40	H.K.C.C.	50		
Hongkong F.C.	52	Kowloon			

Seven were scored by A. K. Mini (Indians) against J. Kempton (Kowloon Docks), but the latter link won, and by C. S. Roselet (Craigengower) to beat J. J. Busto (Recreio "B") by 24-10.

Sixes were recorded by A. J. Hull (Kowloon B.G.C.), R. Bass (Craigengower), W. Harrower (Kowloon B.G.C.) to beat W. E. Hollands (Police) 31-7, P. Younghusband (Kowloon F.C.) and W. J. Bagley (Prison Officers).

Light Blues Win Tennis & Athletic Meets

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—Cambridge beat Oxford at both athletics and lawn tennis yesterday.

In the athletic meet, which was a return-affair, Cambridge registered 69 points against Oxford's 49. Cambridge won nine events and Oxford four.

At lawn tennis, Cambridge beat Oxford by 11 matches to four. Cambridge won the singles by five matches to one and the doubles, 6-3.

East Asia Meet

TOKYO, May 19. H.H. Prince Yasujiro Ichibuchi, younger brother of the Emperor, has formally become President of the East Asia Grand Athletic Meet to be held in Tokyo for five days starting on June 6 in connection with the 2,000th Anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

The Chinese delegation will be led by Mr. Chu Min-i, Wang Ching-wei's Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Domei.

Mongolian Wrestlers

SHIMONOSAKI, May 19. A Mongolian wrestling party of ten members arrived here this morning, subsequently leaving for Tokyo by train in order to attend the East Asia Military Art Tournament and the

Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Recreio "A"	3	2	1	1	54
Kowloon B.G.C.	3	2	1	2	50
Craigengower C.C.	3	2	1	2	49
Police R.C.	3	1	1	1	47
Kowloon Docks	3	1	1	1	47
Hongkong F.C.	3	1	1	1	47
Indian R.C.	3	0	3	0	45
Hongkong F.C.	3	0	3	0	43

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Recreio	3	2	1	1	54
Kowloon F.C.	3	2	1	2	50
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Indian R.C.	3	0	3	0	45
Hongkong F.C.	3	0	3	0	43

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Prison O.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong Electric	2	0	2	1	34
Kowloon F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Craigengower C.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Indian R.C.	2	0	2	1	34

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Prison O.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong Electric	2	0	2	1	34
Kowloon F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Craigengower C.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Indian R.C.	2	0	2	1	34

FIFTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Prison O.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong Electric	2	0	2	1	34
Kowloon F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Craigengower C.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Indian R.C.	2	0	2	1	34

SIXTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Prison O.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong Electric	2	0	2	1	34
Kowloon F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Craigengower C.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Indian R.C.	2	0	2	1	34

SEVENTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Prison O.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong Electric	2	0	2	1	34
Kowloon F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Hongkong F.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Craigengower C.C.	2	0	2	1	34
Indian R.C.	2	0	2	1	34

EIGHTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.

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Hitler's Plan to Smash Britain

Air: Mass raids . Sea: Pocket by super-bombers . U-boats

• Land: 'Could break Maginot Line'

The Stuff They Tell America

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1900. Count Cipolla stated in the Chamber that compact accord exists between England, Austria and Italy to prevent any rising in the Balkans, merely to prevent peace of Europe. He also declared that a compact agreement had been come to between England and Italy, and that nothing can be done without the concurrence of England.

Prominent English citizens of Montreal claim that the English speaking population of that city is not diminishing, but on the contrary is increasing and holding its own with the French.

It has been discovered that with the new English magazine rifle the gun almost always goes off. It is alleged that the English believe that it will not shoot well unless the firer breathes sharply down the barrel three or four times before using it.

25 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1915. Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that the majority of Italians consider that immediate war is now inevitable, and it must be remembered that the King refused to accept Filippo Salandra's resignation. "For the sake of God and our Country." When the Italians realized that Austria offered reasonable indemnities and concessions, and that the Triple Alliance had been denounced, they rose indignantly against Simon Giolitti's iniquities, which showed that the King had unmistakably military aspirations. None doubted that the King, whose heart beats in unison with his subjects, will fall to meet the wishes of his people.

A Zeppelin airship dropped about 40 bombs on Ramsgate at two o'clock this morning. Three people were injured.

10 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1930. Twenty-seven European Governments yesterday received copies of the memorandum on the scheme outlined by the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, which is now known as the United States of Europe.

5 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1935. The snak-like body of Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, Poland's warlike and dictatorial, who came out of Warsaw to-day aboard a special train, to the place of interment at Cracow.

It is notified in the "Gazette" that His Excellency the Governor under instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has made the following appointments:

Mr. W. S. Sibley to be a Cadet Officer Class I, with effect from August 11, 1934.

Mr. Walter Schofield to be a Cadet Officer Class I, with effect from October 22, 1934.

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor to be Chief Accountant, Kowloon Canton Railway, with effect from July 2, 1934.

Mr. T. K. King to be Inspector General of Police, with effect from April 9, 1933.

Nine members of the Parliamentary Labour Party have tabled a motion in the House of Commons asking the Government to bring to the notice of the German Government the feeling of repugnance caused by the mass terror now practised by the Nazis. They ask the Government that this condition of affairs has an unfortunate influence upon the cordial relations which are desirable should exist between Germany and Great Britain.

Shipping Co. Criticised

"Very Careless" Says Harbour Master

"I think the company has been very careless in this matter and they will have to pay for it." This was the comment made by the Harbour Master, Commander G. F. Hole, in the Marine Court to-day before he imposed a fine of \$600 or six-months' imprisonment on Captain R. Allinson, Master of the China Navigation Company's steamer Klangau.

Captain Allinson was originally charged with having, on April 25, entered the waters of the Colony carrying 562 passengers in excess of the number allowed on the Klangau's passenger carrying certificate, but this charge was amended to conform with the increased allowance of a later certificate and the number in excess was put at 348.

Captain Allinson pleaded guilty.

Defendant's Explanation
Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who appeared for the defendant, explained that the Klangau had arrived at Swatow with an unusually large number of passengers from Shanghai. At Swatow it was found that more passengers than the ship was entitled to carry had been inadvertently booked by the company's agents. As the Japanese had already issued passes for these passengers, and as there would have been no other ship for a fortnight the Klangau Captain reluctantly agreed to take them.

"I know these difficulties," Mr. Hole declared, "but I think the company has been very careless in this matter and they will have to pay for it. I have no option but to fine the Master and I'm afraid I cannot make it a nominal fine."

Indian Currency Conservation

SIMLA, May 19 (Reuter).—The Government is introducing restrictions on certain imports similar to those enforced in other parts of the British Empire in order to conserve Indian currency.

The list contains nearly 70 articles and includes sugar, raw cotton, motor vehicles, silk and piece-goods.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2.27/32
T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	52½
T.T. Japan	83½
T.T. India	82½
T.T. U.S.A.	10½
T.T. Manila	30½
T.T. Batavia	36½
T.T. Bangkok	108½
T.T. Saigon	10.68
T.T. France	1.87
T.T. Switzerland	1/8.75

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3.5/32
4 m/s D/P London	1/3.9/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	.20½
30 d/s India	.84½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.22

TENSION RELAXES

Improved Situation In Mediterranean

BELGRADE, May 19 (Reuter).—Political circles here are much relieved at what is regarded here as a relaxation of the tension in the Mediterranean.

In well-informed quarters it is reported that the recent Yugoslav trade delegation to Moscow was told that the Soviet is interested in maintaining peace in the Balkans but does not offer military support.

This is interpreted as meaning that the Soviet does not fear Italian aggression in the Balkans.

LATEST FRENCH PRECAUTIONS

Bridges Blown Up Near Basle

BASLE, May 19 (Reuter).—The French Army Command in Alsace has blown up all canal and railway bridges on the line from St. Louis, the French suburb of Basle, to Loppischhoe, a few miles to the north. They finally interrupted railway communication between France and Switzerland via Basle.

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EARLIER REPORTS

ST. QUENTIN IN GERMAN HANDS

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The latest news received here shows that the battle between the Sambre and Meuse Rivers continued all day.

The situation is stated to be confused. Light German units have reached St. Quentin but the French are carrying out many counter-attacks.

Rumours that the Germans have taken Peronne (west of St. Quentin) are denied by French military authorities.

A War Ministry spokesman described the situation as grave.

"But," he said, "there is no need to regard it as catastrophic."

Fighting Front Described

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The fighting front now extends from about Montmedy, south-east of Sedan, to the Belgian coast.

The German spear-head into France starts north of Montmedy and runs like a blunt spear-head towards Parc.

Martial Tekhnak, a leading French military mission to Beirut.

It is reported that owing to the international situation, the National Assembly has decided to forego its usual summer recess from June to November and will continue meeting as usual.

10,000 CHILDREN EVACUATED

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Ten thousand children were transferred to-day from east and south coast towns to new reception areas.

The children travelled in 16 special trains through trains and each carried hand luggage and a day's ration.

Flanks would be exposed to withering assaults from the still intact but now separated portions of the Line. Communications would be blasted from the air.

"Thus our policy, subject of course to the changing fortunes and circumstances of war, must be:

"Stand fast on the Siegfried Line with as few troops as possible, keep a mobile force ready to campaign in the south-east if necessary and make a direct Blitzkrieg on Britain to get her into a frame of quick peace."

It is not very large and not very strong.

Forts Holding Out

So far, the Sambre River has formed the northern edge of the spear-head and the French have been holding out at the forts of Maubeuge.

A French spokesman says that the position is uncertain in Maubeuge itself but fighting is going on to the west of the forts.

The movement west-north across the Sambre Valley may mean that the German drive has been diverted in an attempt to envelop the Allied troops in Belgium, have been withdrawing strategically.

This morning, British General Headquarters announced that the British front on Saturday had held firmly in the face of strong enemy pressure.

German Claim

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter).—An attack by Allied armoured cars south-west of Brussels last night was repulsed, according to competent quarters quoted by the official news agency.

It is claimed that 20 armoured cars were destroyed during the operation and it is stated that anti-aircraft artillery was used against the armoured cars.

JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter)

A contingent of the Second Australian Imperial Force arrived in Palestine this morning at the conclusion of a 10,000 miles journey.

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C 3039 Here we are again, If you were the only girl, Sweet Genevieve, John Brown's body, Ta-ru-ru-boom-de-ay, It's a great big shame, Old bull and bush, My old Dutch, Broken doll.

C 2803 Fantasia, The British Empire, England, The British Grenadiers, Ireland, Minstrel boy, India, Rextah, Wales, Men of Harlech, Canada, Canoeing along, Australia, Aboriginal piper, South Africa, Folk song, Scotland, Caller Herring & hundred pipers, New Zealand, Nutton's Song, Finale, Mayfair Symphony, Ode.

C 2808 England my England, Drink to me only with thine eyes, Here's a health, O peaceful England, Fanfare, Land of Hope and Glory, British Grenadiers, Jerusalem, God save the King.

C 1783 More old songs, I've made up my mind, Two little girls in blue, I want to go to Idaho, Let's all go down the Strand, My Irish Molly, Silver threads among the gold, Jack Hylton's Ode, With Vocal Refrain.

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AMERICAN LETTERS

Opinion Begins To Swing-Over

To The Editor, The Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—May I beg the courtesy of your columns to bring to the notice of your readers the scheme put forward by the Girl Guide Imperial Headquarters, London, to raise £20,000 amongst the Guides and Brownies throughout the Empire.

The money will be devoted to providing two Air Ambulances, Air Speed Oxford type costing £10,000 to H. M. Forces, and a Motor Life boat costing £20,000 to the nation.

In Hongkong, Guides and Brownies are working hard to earn as much money as they can and every Guide is asked to give half a day's income or salary to the fund.

Through the generosity of the owners, directors and management of the King's and Majestic Theatres, two choral performances for children will be given on Empire Day, May 24, at 11 o'clock: "Wee Willie Winkie" will be shown at the King's Theatre and "The Prince and the Pauper" at the Majestic Theatre.

The total proceeds will be devoted to the Guide Gift Fund. We very much hope that parents and children will support the scheme, all the money to be given to the fund.

On the other hand, some prominent Americans still express strong isolationist views.

FIVE KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).

At least five people were killed and many were injured in an earthquake to-day.

A series of shocks occurred in the Imperial Valley of Southern California early to-day.

Towns Wrecked

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19

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FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

Gallantry Of British Air Force Pilots

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Japan Weakening

Great Significance In Hupeh Victory

Chungking, May 18. For the first time in the war General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, summoned a special conference with foreign newspaper correspondents and military and air attaches of foreign Embassies to-day.

General Ho declared that the battle in northern Hupeh is the most important in the entire history of the war.

"The Chinese victory has three-fold significance, firstly it is an evidence that the more we fight the stronger we become, while the Japanese are losing their strength every day; secondly, the victory serves to encourage Chinese units on other fronts to perform the same thing; and thirdly, it is a death blow to the puppets in Nanking and other occupied cities telling them that their end is approaching."

"We inflicted heavier casualties on the Japanese this time than any other victories including the north Hunan battle last autumn." - United Press.

LATE NEWS

Germans Repulsed From Montmedy

PARIS, May 19 (Dome).—The German troops in a fierce attack upon Montmedy, 40 Kilometres south-east of Sedan, have been repulsed with heavy losses by the French, according to a French High Command communiqué to-day.

Furious fighting is now going on in the areas north-east of St. Quentin, added the communiqué.

BRITISH LINES MAINTAINED

LONDON, May 20 (REUTER).—A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY BRITISH C.H.Q. SAYS THAT THE BRITISH FRONT WAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD THROUGHOUT SUNDAY IN THE FACE OF ENEMY PRESSURE.

Message To Finland

Sir Walter Citrine
Pays Tribute

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WAR IN NORWAY

Shelling Of Narvik

Allied Attack On City Progresses

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Allied attack on Narvik is progressing speedily.

The town is being shelled from the sea and land. It is believed that only a small number of Germans are in the town itself.

The main forces are south of Rombuk on the railway leading to the Swedish frontier.

The land shelling has been carried out by Polish troops which occupied the town on the other side of the harbour. They are using howitzers.

STRICT CONTROL OF INDUSTRY

Churchill's Oblique Reference

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Parliamentary correspondent states that Mr. Churchill's declaration that considerations of private property will not be allowed to stand in the way of the Government's policy is believed in political circles to foreshadow far stricter control by Government over industry than is exercised now.

It is thought likely that the State will take control of a large number of privately-owned factories producing war equipment in order to intensify production.

It is thought that a decision on this point is probable soon.

Petain's Return Welcomed

ISTANBUL, May 19 (Reuter).—The entry of Marshal Petain into the French Cabinet is cordially welcomed in the Turkish Press, which recalls his famous order at Verdun.

The Turkish Press is also generally of the opinion that the halting of the present German offensive would mean the end of the "blitzkrieg."

It is declared that the Nazi regime cannot survive the slightest defeat.

Canada To Speed Up War Effort

OTTAWA, May 19 (Reuter).—It is expected that Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast will result in renewed demands for increased speed in Canada's war effort, criticism of which is becoming widespread.

The general public demands immediate acceleration of air training and plane production.

SPLENDID ACTIONS

Nazis Harassed By British Bombers

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that a formation of our bomber aircraft carried out extensive operations in Belgium and France with the object of harassing the lines of communication of the German advance and to relieve the pressure on the Allied armies.

Our fighter aircraft, patrolling in their support, have accounted for a large number of enemy aircraft of all types.

From preliminary reports received relating to a part only of our fighter activities, it is known that at least 20 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Harassing operations were continued during the night by heavy bomber formations.

In southern Belgium, bridges were hit, troop concentrations broken up and roads blocked.

Raids On Germany

Simultaneously other formations of night bombers penetrated into Germany where direct hits were made on oil fuel tanks in Hanover.

At other points, railway junctions suffered considerable damage.

All night a continuous watch was kept on military traffic over a wide area in western Germany and an offensive action was taken against chemic movements.

Rail and road communications were attacked. At one point, a heavy explosion was caused.

At another, aerodrome buildings were set on fire.

Night Operations

Hudson aircraft also carried out successful night operations. They caused further damage to oil fuel tanks in Hamburg and Bremen.

Two Blenheim aircraft, patrolling off the Dutch coast, encountered a formation of three Heinkel 110s and three Messerschmitt 110s.

They immediately attacked and shot down two Messerschmitts.

An Air Ministry bulletin states that during offensive patrols by our Air Force fighters over France and Belgium yesterday, one patrol of five Hurricane shot down at least three and possibly six German Heinkel 111s near Brussels.

A second and larger patrol encountered only two enemy aircraft, one of which, a Heinkel 111, is believed to have been shot down.

Oil Dumps Destroyed

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Details of air force operations on Friday night show that the area of the raids extended from Hamburg in the north to Sedan in the south.

Extensive damage was done to German oil depots in Bremen and Hamburg.

Enemy aerodromes, troop columns, and road and rail junctions were bombed.

More than 300 bombs were dropped on oil depots in Bremen. A direct hit on a large petrol storage tank resulted in a terrific explosion, from which vast sheets of flame shot up to a height of nearly 2,000 feet, and a pall of smoke like a "huge black mushroom" spread over the town.

Hamburg oil depots were bombed from 10 p.m. on Friday till dawn on Saturday. In the course of these attacks, the explosion of a salvo of heavy bombs was followed by a terrific rush of flame and an outburst of fire that was visible from as far away as Cuxhaven.

Other petroleum depots in the area, some of which were first located by the aid of parachute flares, were attacked with equally evident result.

Fires started with incendiary bombs were seen to spread rapidly and helped to guide the following aircraft to complete the destruction of the targets.

Vast Clouds Of Smoke

Vast clouds of acrid black smoke, certain proof of the oil-fed character of the raging fires, were rolling slowly over the area as the last of the raiders left Hamburg.

Other sections of the large bombing force were meanwhile attacking enemy aerodromes and lines of communication over a wide area.

Heavy damage was done to road and rail bridges across the Meuse and in the occupied areas in Belgium and France.

No casualties were incurred by the British bomber crews and all aircraft engaged in the night's extensive operations returned safely.

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